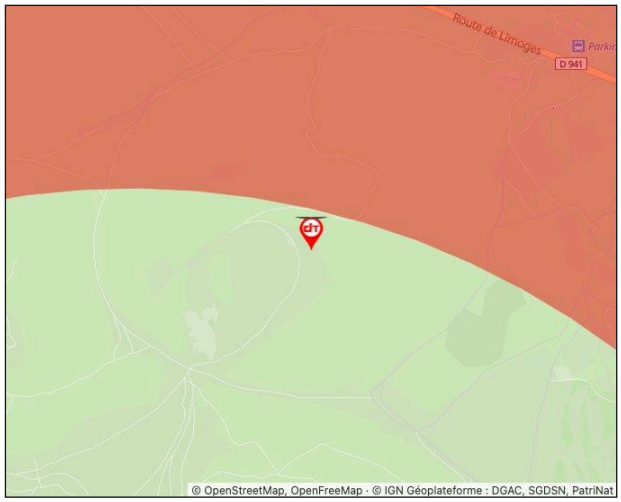
Puy Pariou - Commune d'Orcines (63)

Mountain · Puy-de-Dôme

GPS coordinates	45.79715, 2.97440
Elevation	1,168 m
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	On foot > 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	Centre Hospitalier Heliport 10 km SE · spot 751 m higher
Spot reference	298852



Spot location and restrictions (Drone-Spot map image)

Sun (local times, UTC+01:00)

Day	Dawn	Sunrise	Sunset	Dusk	Day length	Golden hour
Sat 21 Nov	07:23	07:56	17:12	17:44	9 h 15	07:56–08:43 · 16:25–17:12
Sun 22 Nov	07:25	07:57	17:11	17:44	9 h 13	07:57–08:44 · 16:24–17:11
Mon 23 Nov	07:26	07:59	17:10	17:43	9 h 11	07:59–08:46 · 16:23–17:10

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Centre Hospitalier Heliport	Heliport	10 km SE	416 m
Clermont-Ferrand Auvergne Airport	Airport	15 km E	332 m

Description

It is at the price of a walk of about 1 hour with an ascent of about 260m that you will reach the top of the puy Pariou. The best is to leave from the free car park which is towards the Golf des Volcans or to leave from the car park of Les Goulles. Good hiking boots, water, provisions and equipment to be provided according to the season. Be careful, even in summer it can be cold and windy at the top. It is best to come in the morning as the site is very popular with walkers and hikers in the afternoon. The site offers an unobstructed 360° view of the Chaine des Puys. You can also see the city of Clermont-Ferrand, the majestic Puy de Dôme, and in the distance, the Sancy massif. Although on this site there are no restrictions on flying at high altitude (except for the arial ceiling at 150m AGL), remain vigilant during the day and especially in the afternoon because the place is regularly …

Scan to open the up-to-date spot page: weather, map and restrictions.

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=298852

Before every flight: check the UAS zones map, NOTAMs and temporary areas, the weather and the Kp index.

Preparing the flight

Pre-flight Check-List

- ☐ Area checked: UAS zones, restrictions, protected areas
- ☐ NOTAMs and temporary areas checked
- ☐ Weather: wind, gusts, rain, visibility; Kp index
- ☐ Operator number displayed on the drone
- ☐ Training certificate or licence with me
- ☐ Third-party liability insurance checked
- ☐ Batteries charged: drone, controller, phone
- ☐ Propellers, motors and frame in good condition
- ☐ Memory card inserted and empty
- ☐ Software up to date, compass and IMU calibrated
- ☐ Return to home: home point and return height set
- ☐ Electronic signalling or remote ID active
- ☐ Take-off area clear, people informed and at a distance
- ☐ Observer present for FPV flights

Key rules of the open category

Recreational flying in France: European open-category rules, applied by the DGAC.

- Maximum height: 120 m above the ground, lower where a restriction requires it.
- Always keep the drone in sight; when flying FPV, an observer keeps it in sight next to you.
- Never fly over crowds and keep the distances of your subcategory (A1, A2 or A3).
- Respect UAS geographical zones: around aerodromes, prohibited or restricted areas, protected areas, sensitive sites.
- Register as an operator if the drone weighs 250 g or more or carries a camera (toys excepted), and display the number on the drone.
- Training: online A1/A3 certificate from 250 g or for a class C1 drone; A2 certificate to fly closer to people with a class C2 drone.
- Always give way to manned aircraft and land if one approaches.
- Respect privacy: no images that identify people without their consent; aerial photography is prohibited in some areas.
- Check your third-party liability insurance.
- In France: registration and training on AlphaTango (DGAC); a drone of 800 g or more must broadcast electronic signalling (or the remote ID of class-marked drones).

Non-exhaustive summary: rules change. Reference: the DGAC open-category guide and the country's regulations.

Useful links

UAS zones map around the spot : https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/carte-uas.aspx?lat=45.79715&lon=2.9744
Drone pilot library : https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/bibliotheque
DGAC open-category guide (French) : https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/bibliotheque/guide-categorie-ouverte
Registration and training (AlphaTango) : https://alphatango.aviation-civile.gouv.fr
NOTAMs and temporary areas (SOFIA Briefing) : https://sofia-briefing.aviation-civile.gouv.fr

My flight notes

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