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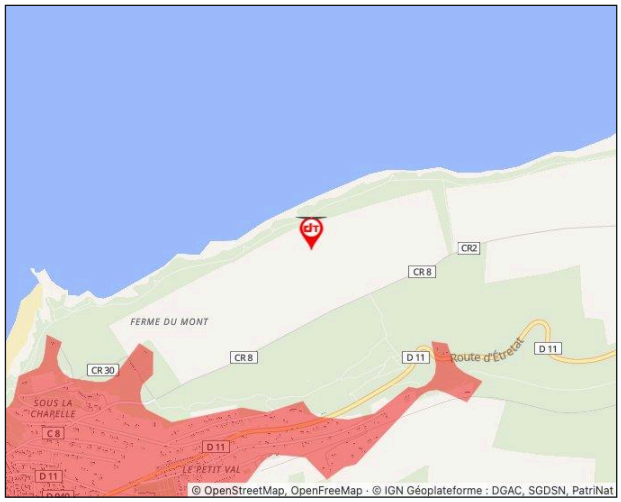
FLIGHT CARD

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Étretat

Water · France

GPS coordinates	49.71515, 0.21915
Elevation	89 m
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	On foot < 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	Centre Hospitalier Heliport 12 km E · spot 8 m lower
Spot reference	300595



Spot location and restrictions (Drone-Spot map image)

Sun (local times, UTC+01:00)

Day	Dawn	Sunrise	Sunset	Dusk	Day length	Golden hour
Sun 22 Nov	07:46	08:22	17:09	17:45	8 h 46	08:22–09:14 · 16:16–17:09
Mon 23 Nov	07:47	08:23	17:08	17:44	8 h 44	08:23–09:16 · 16:15–17:08
Tue 24 Nov	07:49	08:25	17:07	17:43	8 h 41	08:25–09:18 · 16:14–17:07

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Centre Hospitalier Heliport	Heliport	12 km E	97 m
Hopital Jacques Monod Heliport	Heliport	21 km S	12 m
Aérodrome du Havre - Saint-Romain	Aerodrome	22 km SE	129 m
Le Havre Octeville Airport	Airport	22 km SW	95 m

Description

Étretat is a French commune located in the department of Seine-Maritime in Normandy. Once a modest fishing village, Étretat became a renowned seaside resort in the century. Guy de Maupassant organises landmark parties there. This village is located north of Le Havre, on the Channel coast, on the Alabaster coast which is part of the Caux country. The extraordinary and monumental aspect of its almost immaculate white chalk cliffs and its greyish pebble beaches have made it one of the places of international tourism. Painters such as Gustave Courbet, Eugène Boudin and Claude Monet contributed to its publicity, while immortalizing its specificity. Writers such as Maupassant and Gustave Flaubert are faithful to the place. Maurice Leblanc, who lived there, contributed to the myth surrounding the site maintained in an adventure by Arsène Lupin entitled L'Aiguille creuse (The Hollow Needle).

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=300595

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=49.71515&lon=0.21915
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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