The cliffs of Cap Blanc-Nez

Water · Pas-de-Calais

GPS coordinates	50.91700, 1.69505
Elevation	4 m
Maximum height	60 m max
Access	On foot < 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	Saint-Inglevert Aerodrome (LFIS) 4.8 km SE · spot 113 m lower
Spot reference	301239



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	07:42	08:19	16:59	17:36	8 h 40	08:19–09:13 · 16:05–16:59
Sun 22 Nov	07:43	08:21	16:58	17:35	8 h 37	08:21–09:15 · 16:03–16:58
Mon 23 Nov	07:45	08:22	16:57	17:34	8 h 34	08:22–09:17 · 16:02–16:57

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Saint-Inglevert Aerodrome	Aerodrome	4.8 km SE	117 m
Coquelles Eurotunnel Heliport	Heliport	7.0 km E	9 m
Calais-Dunkerque Airport	Airport	19 km E	4 m
Boulogne Sur Mer Centre Hospitalier Heliport	Heliport	22 km S	85 m

Description

Cap Blanc-Nez, a high land. The varied and admirable spectacles offered to the observer by the shores of the sea are a magnificent example of the eternal changes that the surface of the earth is undergoing. - When the coast is low, and the bottom is sandy, the waves push this sand towards the edge; with each ebb it becomes a little dryer, and the wind, which almost always blows from the sea, throws it onto the beach. This is how dunes are formed, those sandy mounds which, if man's industry fails to fix them with suitable vegetation, walk slowly but invariably inland. When, on the contrary, the coast is high, the sea which cannot cast anything back has a destructive action; its waves gnaw at the foot of it and scrape its entire height into a cliff, because the higher parts, being without support, fall ceaselessly into the water; they are agitated in the waves until the softest and loosest …

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=301239

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=50.917&lon=1.69505
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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