Fondry des chiens Nismes Viroinval

Unusual · Belgium

GPS coordinates	50.06944, 4.55670
Elevation	220 m
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	On foot < 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	Matagne-la-Petite Ulmodrome (EBMG) 7.0 km NE · spot 20 m lower
Spot reference	301719



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	07:28	08:04	16:51	17:27	8 h 46	08:04–08:57 · 15:58–16:51
Sun 22 Nov	07:30	08:06	16:50	17:26	8 h 44	08:06–08:59 · 15:57–16:50
Mon 23 Nov	07:31	08:07	16:49	17:25	8 h 41	08:07–09:01 · 15:55–16:49

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Matagne-la-Petite Ulmodrome	Aerodrome	7.0 km NE	240 m
Cerfontaine Airfield	Aerodrome	15 km NW	291 m
Hydrobase de l'Eau d'Heure	Seaplane base	18 km NW	247 m
Florennes Air Base	Airport	20 km N	285 m

Description

Located in the Viroin-Hermeton Natural Park, near Nismes, the Fondry des Chiens is a protected site and unique in Belgium. Visit this natural 20-metre deep abyss of incredible biodiversity. Millions of years of rain erosion... in the limestone gave birth to this enormous chasm that reaches up to 20 meters deep. The nature of the soil and the climate allow us to observe today an astonishing and unique biodiversity in the kingdom. This is why the site is protected and classified as a natural monument of Belgium. This place has its own legend, that of the knight errant.

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=301719

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

This country applies the European drone rules (open category); it may add its own zones and conditions.

- 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.

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=50.06944&lon=4.5567
Drone pilot library : https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/bibliotheque

My flight notes

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