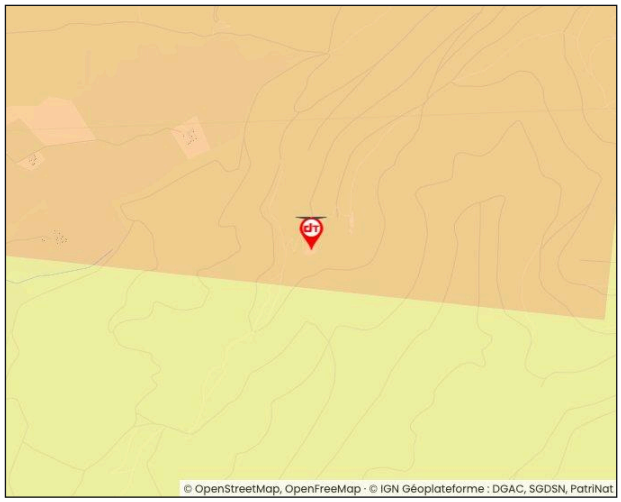
Rocher du Falkenstein

Mountain · Bas-Rhin

GPS coordinates	48.31531, 7.37815
Elevation	515 m
Maximum height	60 m max
Access	On foot > 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	Aérodrome d'Albé - Val de Villé 5.2 km NW · spot 135 m higher
Spot reference	302993



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	07:12	07:47	16:46	17:21	8 h 59	07:47–08:37 · 15:56–16:46
Sun 22 Nov	07:13	07:48	16:45	17:20	8 h 56	07:48–08:38 · 15:55–16:45
Mon 23 Nov	07:15	07:50	16:44	17:19	8 h 54	07:50–08:40 · 15:54–16:44

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Aérodrome d'Albé - Val de Villé	Aerodrome	5.2 km NW	380 m
Club ULM de Kogenheim	Aerodrome	12 km E	161 m
Envol ULM Alsace	Aerodrome	22 km SE	176 m
Colmar-Houssen Airport	Airport	23 km S	191 m

Description

The Falkenstein Rock is easily accessible by car by parking in the "Parking Pour Rocher Falkenstein" located in the middle of the forest and accessible by a carriage road from the D203 coming from Blienschwiller just before the crossroads with the D253. It will take about 40-45 minutes to walk with a good climb for the first 10 minutes and then the terrain will be relatively flat. The site offers a superb view of the Val de Villé. The rock is a climbing site. You'll get great shots of climbers in action, especially towards the end of the day. Quite busy during the day so if you want to be quiet come early in the morning or at the end of the day, the pictures will be even more beautiful.

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=302993

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=48.31531&lon=7.37815
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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