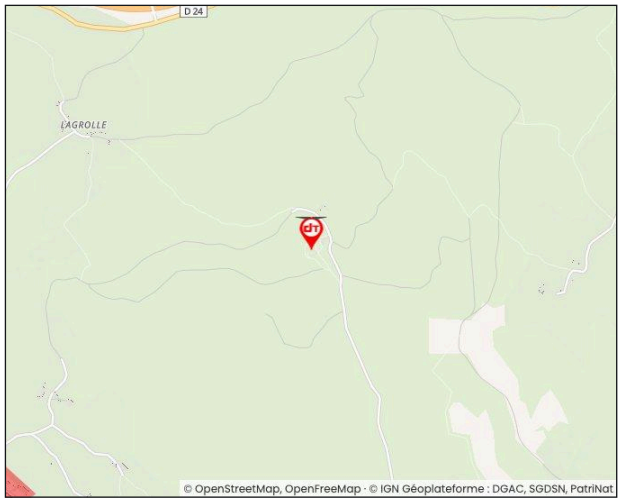
Castle of the horns of Urfé - Champoly

Heritage · Loire

GPS coordinates	45.86518, 3.85620
Elevation	931 m
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	On foot < 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	Col du Béal Altiport 21 km S · spot 540 m lower
Spot reference	303666



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	07:20	07:53	17:08	17:41	9 h 15	07:53–08:40 · 16:21–17:08
Sun 22 Nov	07:21	07:54	17:07	17:40	9 h 13	07:54–08:41 · 16:20–17:07
Mon 23 Nov	07:23	07:55	17:06	17:39	9 h 10	07:55–08:43 · 16:19–17:06

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Col du Béal Altiport	Aerodrome	21 km S	1,470 m
Roanne-Renaison Airport	Airport	24 km NE	337 m

Description

Built between the 12th and 16th centuries, the Château d'Urfé was born from the desire to observe the region from an exceptional viewpoint. The fruit of rivalries between great lords, it became the seat of the d'Urfé family, which would become one of the most powerful in Forez and whose aura would spread to the entourage of the King of France. Open to all and in all seasons, a route with signs is proposed to you allowing you to discover the strong points of the castle, from the arboretum to the dungeon. The latter offers a viewpoint and an orientation table that will allow you to discover or rediscover the region. It is also a remarkable place to stop for a hike. The objectives of the Association pour la Renaissance d'Urfé are to safeguard the remains of the castle, to maintain and develop the surroundings of the building, and to preserve and enhance the cultural value of the site. It is …

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=303666

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=45.86518&lon=3.8562
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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