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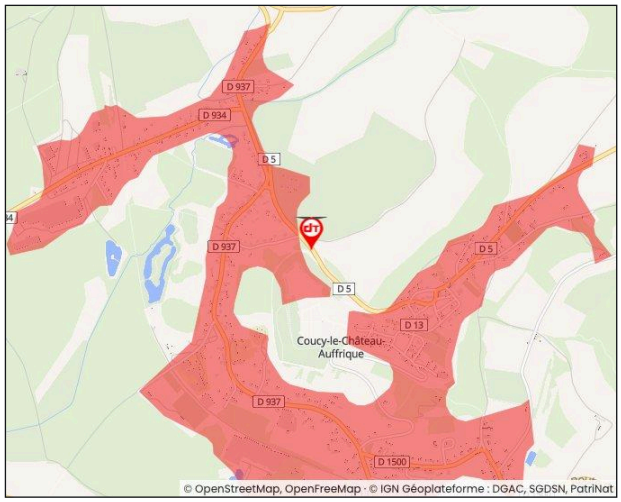
FLIGHT CARD

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Coucy Castle

Heritage · Aisne

GPS coordinates	49.52275, 3.31907
Elevation	88 m
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	Direct access by car
Nearest aerodrome	Base ULM du Val de l'Ailette 8.1 km NW · spot 32 m higher
Spot reference	304566



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	07:32	08:07	16:58	17:34	8 h 50	08:07–08:59 · 16:06–16:58
Sun 22 Nov	07:33	08:09	16:57	17:33	8 h 48	08:09–09:01 · 16:05–16:57
Mon 23 Nov	07:34	08:10	16:56	17:32	8 h 45	08:10–09:03 · 16:03–16:56

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Base ULM du Val de l'Ailette	Aerodrome	8.1 km NW	56 m
Centre Hospitalier Heliport	Heliport	13 km NW	55 m
Base ULM Neuflieux	Aerodrome	16 km NW	59 m
Centre Hospitalier Heliport	Heliport	17 km S	52 m

Description

The castle of Coucy is a fortified castle, built from the thirteenth century, whose remains stand on the town of Coucy-le-Château-Auffrique in the department of Aisne in the Hauts-de-France region. Before 1917, the castle of Coucy was known for its imposing keep, the highest ever built in the West (53 meters high). This dungeon was destroyed during the First World War. The ruins of the castle are the subject of a classification as a historic monument. This spot is easily accessible by the Departmental 5, from which a path emerges. It is possible to park there by car in order to legally launch your drone and have a very good view of this ruin.

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=304566

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=49.52275&lon=3.31907
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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