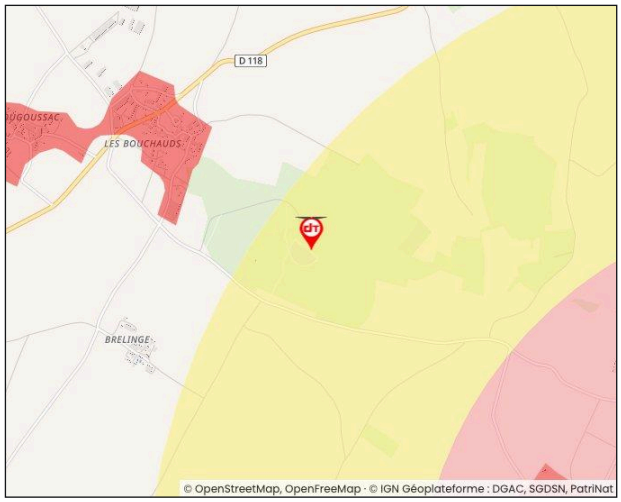
Gallo-Roman theater of Les Bouchauds

Heritage · Charente

GPS coordinates	45.78161, -0.00594
Elevation	138 m
Maximum height	50 m max
Access	On foot < 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	Angoulême-Brie-Champniers Airport (LFBU) 19 km E · spot 5 m higher
Spot reference	304998



Spot location and restrictions (Drone-Spot map image)

Sun (local times, UTC+01:00)

Day	Dawn	Sunrise	Sunset	Dusk	Day length	Golden hour
Mon 23 Nov	07:38	08:11	17:22	17:55	9 h 11	08:11–08:58 · 16:35–17:22
Tue 24 Nov	07:39	08:12	17:21	17:54	9 h 09	08:12–08:59 · 16:34–17:21
Wed 25 Nov	07:40	08:13	17:21	17:54	9 h 07	08:13–09:01 · 16:33–17:21

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Angoulême-Brie-Champniers Airport	Airport	19 km E	133 m
Centre Hospitalier Heliport	Heliport	19 km SE	46 m

Description

The Gallo-Roman theater of Les Bouchauds is located in the commune of Saint-Cybardeaux, in the Charente department, along the via Agrippa (Saintes-Lyon), known as the Chemin des Romains or Chemin chaussé. The ruins of the Gallo-Roman theater of Les Bouchauds sit in a natural hollow in the side of a hill that has a sanctuary at its summit. The Gallo-Roman theater of Les Bouchauds, with a diameter of 105.60 meters, is the largest in Aquitaine, notably larger than the theater of Orange, which has a diameter of 104 meters. It could hold between 5,000 and 7,000 people. It was dug and built into the hillside while the sanctuary stands at the top. The theater was built at the beginning of the 1st century, but modifications in the form of rows of tiers in the orchestra and passages between the orchestra and the cavea date from the 3rd century.

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=304998

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=45.78161&lon=-0.00594
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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