The Calanques of Piana & Porto

Mountain · Corse

GPS coordinates	42.26031, 8.68013
Elevation	125 m
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	On foot < 1,000 m
Spot reference	305019



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	06:53	07:23	16:59	17:30	9 h 36	07:23–08:06 · 16:16–16:59
Sun 22 Nov	06:54	07:24	16:59	17:29	9 h 34	07:24–08:07 · 16:15–16:59
Mon 23 Nov	06:55	07:25	16:58	17:29	9 h 32	07:25–08:09 · 16:15–16:58

Description

The Calanques of Piana are located on the west coast, at Piana, halfway between Ajaccio and Calvi, along the Corsican coastal road. The calanche are a geological formation of plutonic rocks that are part of the group called "Crystalline Corsica" with magmatic rocks, west of the line running from Calvi to Solenzara. The translation of calanche as calanques is unfortunate, because there is no similarity between the terrain of Piana and that of the calanques of Provence; using the Corsican word is preferable in French. The calanche take the form of a small mountain range shaped like a "V" pointing to the right at the Roches Bleues, starting in the north above the Dardo cove on the south shore of the Gulf of Porto and ending in the south at the Cavallaghju bridge. The highest point is 698 m. In the middle is a rock, overlooked by Capu Ghineparu (515 m). The calanche are crossed by the Dardo …

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https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=305019

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=42.26031&lon=8.68013
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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