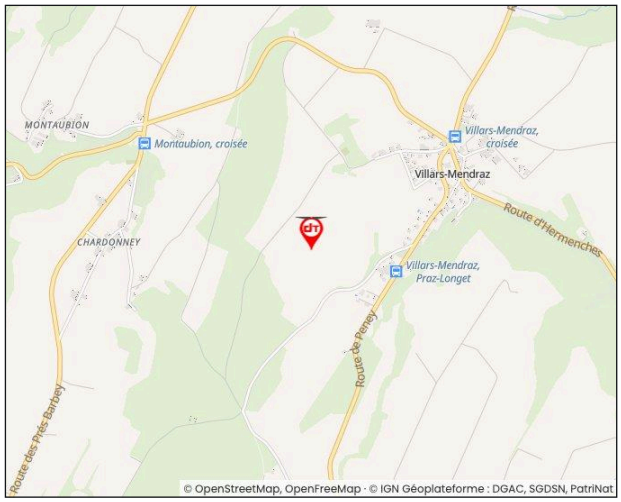
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GPS coordinates	46.64390, 6.72258
Elevation	830 m
Maximum height	100 m max
Access	Direct access by car
Nearest aerodrome	Lausanne-Blécherette Airport (LSGL) 14 km SW · spot 208 m higher
Spot reference	305129



Spot location and restrictions (Drone-Spot map image)

Sun (local times, UTC+01:00)

Day	Dawn	Sunrise	Sunset	Dusk	Day length	Golden hour
Sun 22 Nov	07:12	07:45	16:53	17:27	9 h 08	07:45–08:33 · 16:05–16:53
Mon 23 Nov	07:13	07:47	16:52	17:26	9 h 05	07:47–08:35 · 16:04–16:52
Tue 24 Nov	07:14	07:48	16:52	17:25	9 h 03	07:48–08:36 · 16:03–16:52

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Lausanne-Blécherette Airport	Aerodrome	14 km SW	622 m
Yverdon-les-Bains Airport	Aerodrome	16 km NW	433 m

Description

Quiet spot, slightly elevated, with a magnificent view over the Vaud plateau, the Fribourg Prealps and the Alps.

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=305129

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

This country applies the European drone rules (open category); it may add its own zones and conditions.

- 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.

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=46.6439&lon=6.72258
Drone pilot library : https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/bibliotheque

My flight notes

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