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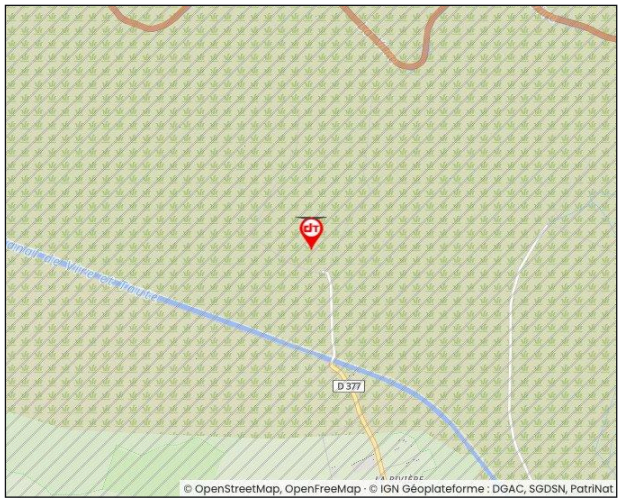
FLIGHT CARD

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The Château de la Rivière

Heritage · Manche

GPS coordinates	49.24507, -1.11530
Elevation	5 m
Maximum height	50 m max
Access	Direct access by car
Nearest aerodrome	Hôpital de Saint-Lo Heliport 16 km S · spot 35 m lower
Spot reference	307194



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	07:49	08:24	17:17	17:52	8 h 52	08:24–09:16 · 16:25–17:17
Sun 22 Nov	07:50	08:25	17:16	17:51	8 h 50	08:25–09:17 · 16:24–17:16
Mon 23 Nov	07:51	08:27	17:15	17:50	8 h 47	08:27–09:19 · 16:23–17:15

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Hôpital de Saint-Lo Heliport	Heliport	16 km S	40 m

Description

Located in the Cotentin, between Carentan and Saint-Lô, in the Cotentin and Bessin Marshes Regional Natural Park, stand the imposing ruins of a former medieval fortification. The Château de la Rivière was built around 1090 by Odon de Conteville, half-brother of William the Conqueror, to protect the east bank of the Vire. After a few changes over the centuries, the castle was unfortunately hit by the bombings of the Second World War and gradually collapsed, becoming what can be seen today. In the 1960s, the castle saw renewed interest with the installation of a campsite and then a naturist center when it was owned by the Camping-Club de France. "A paradise for storks": privately owned since 2006, the castle is now known as a stork paradise. Drawn by the mild, humid climate and the aquatic richness of the marsh, the Château de la Rivière has become a nesting site for these black and white …

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=307194

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=49.24507&lon=-1.1153
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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