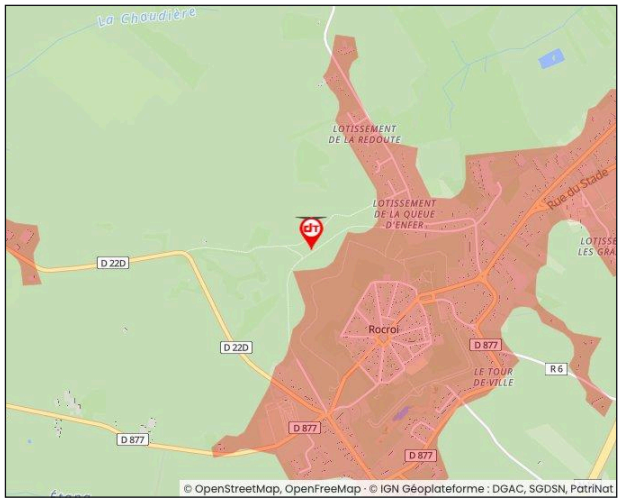
Rocroi

Heritage · Ardennes

GPS coordinates	49.92761, 4.51698
Elevation	379 m
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	On foot < 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	Charleville-Mézières Ardennes-Etienne Riché Airfield (LFQV) 19 km SE · spot 229 m higher
Spot reference	307358



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	07:31	08:07	16:50	17:26	8 h 42	08:07–09:00 · 15:56–16:50
Tue 24 Nov	07:32	08:08	16:49	17:25	8 h 40	08:08–09:02 · 15:55–16:49
Wed 25 Nov	07:33	08:10	16:48	17:24	8 h 37	08:10–09:04 · 15:54–16:48

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Charleville-Mézières Ardennes-Etienne Riché Airfield	Airport	19 km SE	150 m
Matagne-la-Petite Ulmodrome	Aerodrome	22 km NE	240 m
Centre Hospitalier Heliport	Heliport	22 km SE	176 m

Description

Rocroi, a small fortified town unique of its kind. From the sky, Rocroi is a stone star nestled in a green setting. Located at the gates of France, its history is intertwined with that of the wars that shook the borders over the centuries. This town is closely tied to its fortifications. Without ramparts at Rocroi, the Grand Condé would never have come to challenge the famous Spanish Tercios of Philip IV who were besieging the town. . As the Middle Ages faded and Italy exported its architects and urban planners, Francis I chose Rocroi, in the middle of a marshy, almost inaccessible plateau, to defend the Kingdom. Cannons began to fire powerful shot. . Fortification went from vertical to low and sweeping. The village then became a town that was bastioned. The focus shifted gradually from protecting property and people to protecting the Kingdom. Vauban would only arrive a century and a …

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=307358

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=49.92761&lon=4.51698
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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