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FLIGHT CARD

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Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue

Heritage · Manche

GPS coordinates	49.57732, -1.27005
Elevation	0 m
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	On foot < 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	Cherbourg-Maupertus Airport (LFRC) 17 km NW · spot 140 m lower
Spot reference	308480



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	07:50	08:26	17:16	17:52	8 h 50	08:26–09:18 · 16:24–17:16
Sun 22 Nov	07:51	08:27	17:15	17:51	8 h 47	08:27–09:20 · 16:23–17:15
Mon 23 Nov	07:53	08:29	17:14	17:50	8 h 45	08:29–09:21 · 16:22–17:14

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Cherbourg-Maupertus Airport	Airport	17 km NW	140 m

Description

THE FORT de la HOUGUE and its VAUBAN TOWER The Fort de la Hougue evolved over time, notably in step with advances in artillery, and was therefore reorganized militarily several times, the last being its incorporation into the Atlantic Wall during the Second World War, as the many structures and firing positions bear witness. From 1858, the introduction of rifled artillery and the abandonment of the cannonball made it necessary to rethink the principles of fortification. However, this only brought about a slow modification of the coastal defense works. In 1875, the battery at the point of the Fort de la Hougue was decommissioned as it had become too vulnerable. Three new batteries were built in 1878 and 1881: one on the east front, the second on the west front, and the last at the foot of the tower, currently occupied by the French Navy's semaphore station. Part of the earthworks of the …

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https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=308480

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=49.57732&lon=-1.27005
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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