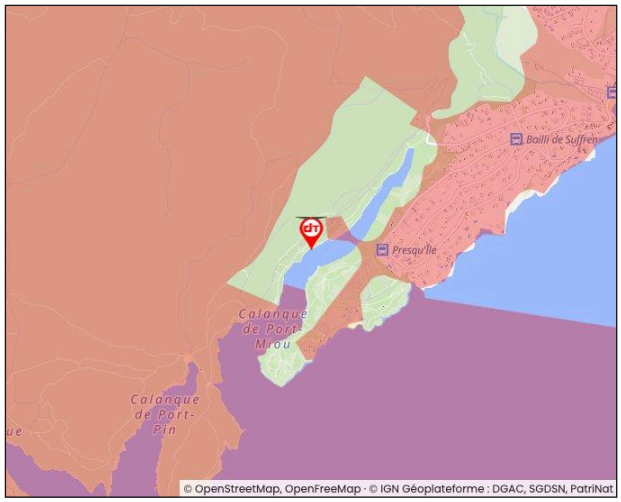
Cassis, the Port Miou calanque

Water · Bouches-du-Rhône

GPS coordinates	43.20772, 5.51652
Elevation	12 m
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	On foot > 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	Base Hydro-ULM de La Ciotat 11 km E · spot 12 m higher
Spot reference	312840



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	07:07	07:38	17:09	17:40	9 h 30	07:38–08:22 · 16:25–17:09
Sun 22 Nov	07:08	07:40	17:09	17:40	9 h 28	07:40–08:24 · 16:25–17:09
Mon 23 Nov	07:10	07:41	17:08	17:39	9 h 27	07:41–08:25 · 16:24–17:08

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Base Hydro-ULM de La Ciotat	Seaplane base	11 km E	0 m
Zi Les Paluds Heliport	Heliport	11 km NE	116 m
Hôpital La Timone Heliport	Heliport	13 km NW	42 m
Marseille Hydro	Seaplane base	17 km NW	0 m

Description

A pretty harbor in the middle of nature The Port-Miou calanque is the closest to Cassis. It is reachable on foot from the town center in 30 minutes along the GR58-51, and you can also come by car and park in the Presqu'île parking lot (paid in summer, 8 euros per day). The Port-Miou calanque is ideal for a family hike because it is easy to reach. At the end of the peninsula you will have a magnificent view of Cap Canaille and its ocher cliffs, and on the right the wild mouth of the calanque. A palette of blue, white and green dominates: the sea, the limestone and the pine grove. Port Pin, its neighbor, is only 2 km away, a 25-minute walk along the coast: it is easy to go from one calanque to the other. With a bit more effort, you can then reach the spectacular En Vau calanque in about 1 hour of walking, for 3.6 km. Its particular geology Port-Miou winds its way inland for nearly a …

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=312840

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=43.20772&lon=5.51652
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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