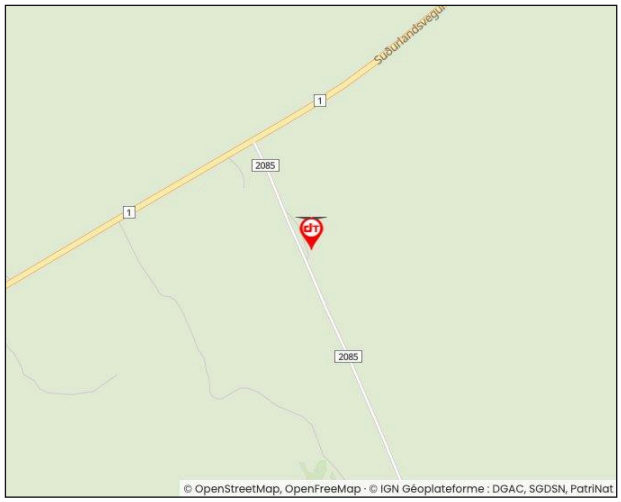
Katla jarðvangur

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GPS coordinates	63.68573, -18.34220
Elevation	81 m
Maximum height	100 m max
Access	On foot < 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	Álftaver Airport (BIAL) 17 km S · spot 32 m higher
Spot reference	312867



Spot location and restrictions (Drone-Spot map image)

Sun (local times, UTC)

Day	Dawn	Sunrise	Sunset	Dusk	Day length	Golden hour
Sat 21 Nov	08:55	09:57	16:02	17:03	6 h 04	09:57–12:21 · 13:37–16:02
Sun 22 Nov	08:58	10:00	15:59	17:01	5 h 59	10:00–12:37 · 13:22–15:59
Mon 23 Nov	09:00	10:03	15:57	17:00	5 h 53	–

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Álftaver Airport	Aerodrome	17 km S	49 m
Kirkjubæjarklaustur Airport	Aerodrome	20 km NE	20 m

Description

Spot near the Katla Geopark with mossy lava fields. https://www.katlageopark.com/ Near MÝRDALSHREPPUR.

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=312867

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=63.68573&lon=-18.3422
Drone pilot library : https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/bibliotheque

My flight notes

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