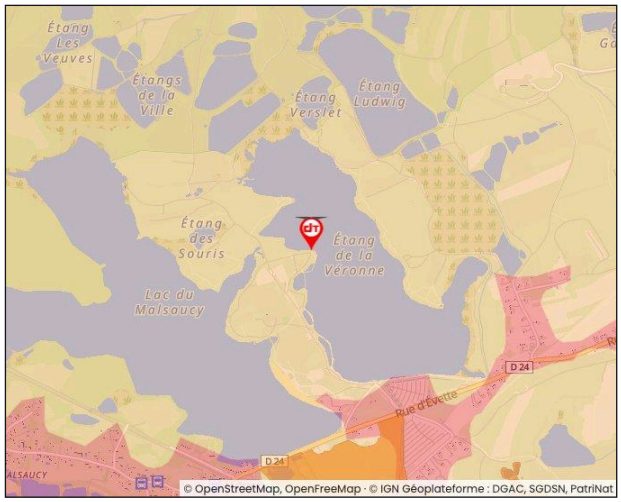
Lac du Malsaucy

Water · Territoire de Belfort

GPS coordinates	47.68876, 6.80928
Elevation	391 m
Maximum height	50 m max
Access	Direct access by car
Nearest aerodrome	Belfort Chaux Airfield (LFGG) 2.3 km NE · spot 26 m lower
Spot reference	313529



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	07:13	07:47	16:50	17:24	9 h 03	07:47–08:36 · 16:01–16:50
Sun 22 Nov	07:14	07:48	16:49	17:24	9 h 01	07:48–08:38 · 16:00–16:49
Mon 23 Nov	07:15	07:50	16:49	17:23	8 h 58	07:50–08:39 · 15:59–16:49

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Belfort Chaux Airfield	Aerodrome	2.3 km NE	417 m
Montbéliard-Courcelles Airfield	Airport	22 km S	317 m
Ramonchamp ULM	Aerodrome	23 km N	577 m

Description

A few kilometers from Belfort, Lake Malsaucy, covering 55 hectares, stretches across three municipalities: Évette-Salbert, Lachapelle-sous-Chaux and Sermamagny. Many water activities are practiced there thanks to the leisure center. Mountain biking, sailing, kayaking, rowing, windsurfing, climbing, orienteering, archery and fishing bring the lake to life, especially in season. Swimming is supervised during the summer months. The region is also committed to protecting the biodiversity of the site, which is home to 49 protected animal species and 8 protected plant species: part of the lake is not open to the public. The Maison départementale de l'Environnement organizes nature discovery activities there: walks, exhibitions, storytelling and meetups. Lake Malsaucy is known for hosting a famous rock festival: the Eurockéennes de Belfort, held there every year in early July.

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=313529

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=47.68876&lon=6.80928
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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