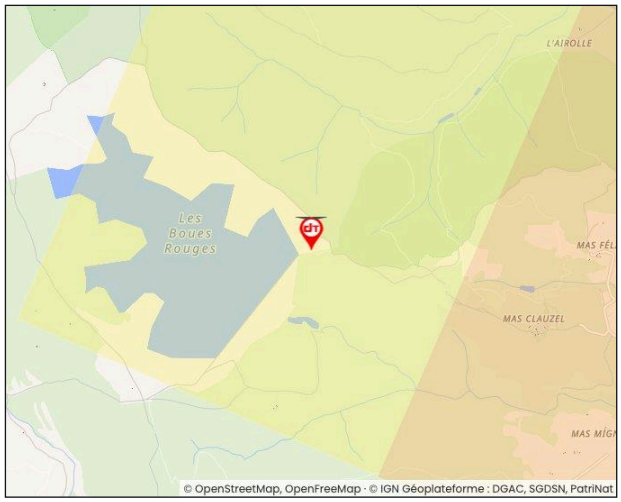
Lake Rousson

Water · Gard

GPS coordinates	44.20563, 4.16890
Elevation	265 m
Maximum height	60 m max
Access	On foot < 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	La Grand'combe Airfield (LFTN) 13 km W · spot 237 m lower
Spot reference	313639



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	07:15	07:47	17:12	17:43	9 h 25	07:47–08:31 · 16:27–17:12
Sun 22 Nov	07:16	07:48	17:11	17:43	9 h 23	07:48–08:33 · 16:26–17:11
Mon 23 Nov	07:17	07:49	17:10	17:42	9 h 21	07:49–08:34 · 16:25–17:10

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
La Grand'combe Airfield	Aerodrome	13 km W	502 m
Aérodrome d'Alès Cévennes	Airport	15 km S	204 m
Uzès Airfield	Aerodrome	23 km SE	270 m

Description

A relic of an industrial past Located in the north-east of the commune, not far from its border with Les Mages, the Ségoussac lake, set on an area of 70 hectares in total, is nothing other than a relic of the local industrial past. Indeed, the "Péchiney" plant in the commune of Salindres, later renamed "Rio Tinto", was one of the largest alumina producers from 1908 to 1984. The "red muds", residues from extracting alumina through the chemical treatment of bauxite, were first stored in basins built inside the plant's perimeter. But from 1964 until production stopped in 1984, 3,900,000 tonnes of toxic waste were dumped on this site, and a dam was built in several stages, from 1964 to 1977, as the muds piled up. Successful rehabilitation In 1986, the DRIRE (Direction régionale de l'Industrie, de la Recherche et de l'Environnement) called for the site to be rehabilitated. Rehabilitation work …

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=313639

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=44.20563&lon=4.1689
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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