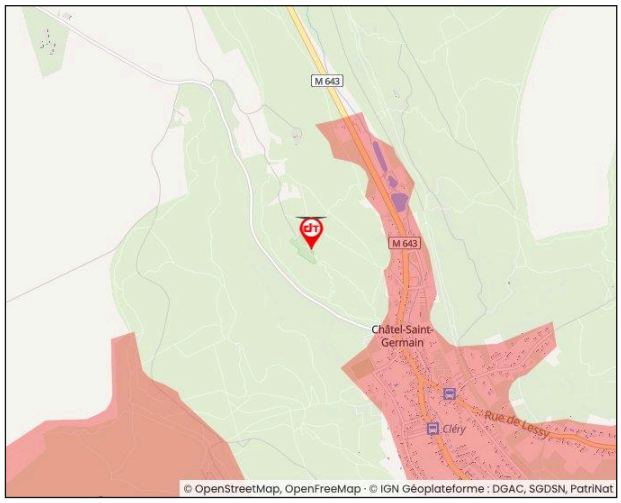
The archaeological site of Mont-Saint-Germain in Châtel-Saint-Germain

Heritage · Moselle

GPS coordinates	49.12675, 6.07476
Elevation	308 m
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	On foot < 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	Doncourt Les Conflans Airfield (LFGR) 11 km W · spot 63 m higher
Spot reference	313791



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	07:19	07:55	16:48	17:24	8 h 53	07:55–08:46 · 15:57–16:48
Sun 22 Nov	07:21	07:56	16:47	17:23	8 h 51	07:56–08:48 · 15:56–16:47
Mon 23 Nov	07:22	07:58	16:46	17:22	8 h 48	07:58–08:50 · 15:55–16:46

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Doncourt Les Conflans Airfield	Aerodrome	11 km W	245 m
Technopole 2000 Heliport	Heliport	12 km E	220 m
Chambley	Aerodrome	18 km SW	264 m
Chambley-Bussières Air Base	Aerodrome	18 km SW	264 m

Description

The archaeological site of Mont Saint Germain in Châtel Saint Germain, in Moselle, by drone. A very nice walk in Moselle, very close to Metz. My drone took some beautiful videos, and here is my non-pro edit of them. The site includes traces of human occupation ranging from prehistory to the 16th century. It was occupied as early as the 4th millennium BC and again during Late Antiquity, and then saw a strong funerary presence from the end of the 6th century and the beginning of the 7th century. A priory and a fortified castle were established in the 12th century, along with domestic and craft structures. (source Wikipedia) A very nice walk in Moselle, very close to Metz. My drone took very beautiful videos of which I propose this non-pro montage. The site includes traces of human occupation from prehistory to the sixteenth century. It was occupied from the 4th millennium BC as well as …

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=313791

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=49.12675&lon=6.07476
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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