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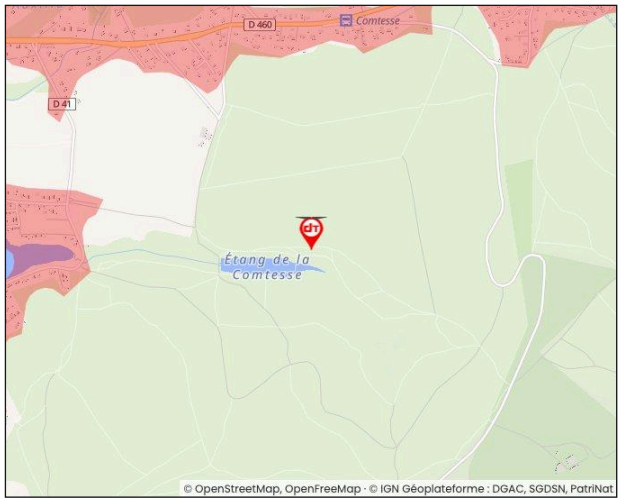
FLIGHT CARD

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The Étang de la Comtesse, Sanchey

Water · Vosges

GPS coordinates	48.16335, 6.37894
Elevation	382 m
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	On foot < 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	Épinal Dogneville Airfield (LFSE) 7.5 km NE · spot 65 m higher
Spot reference	314034



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	07:16	07:50	16:50	17:25	9 h 00	07:50–08:40 · 16:01–16:50
Sun 22 Nov	07:17	07:52	16:50	17:24	8 h 57	07:52–08:42 · 15:59–16:50
Mon 23 Nov	07:18	07:53	16:49	17:23	8 h 55	07:53–08:43 · 15:58–16:49

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Épinal Dogneville Airfield	Aerodrome	7.5 km NE	317 m

Description

A short compilation of my raw footage shot at the Étang de la Comtesse in the municipality of Sanchey, in the Vosges department. 88 on June 5, 2023 Notes: 1/ Scenario S1, no flight restrictions, open category. But the pond is a protected area and must be respected! 2/ The RTBA network is distant from and parallel to the pond. But be careful: military aircraft sometimes fly over this site! Because the canopy made it hard to watch the airspace around me, I preferred not to go much above it (30 m), and I was right to do so! A Mirage III flew over me, 20 m above the trees, while my drone was 100 meters in front of me. Reminder: The forecast AZBA information does not replace the information issued via NOTAM, SUP AIP and AIP. Outside the RTBA network's activity periods, civil or military aircraft may fly there at low altitude.

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=314034

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=48.16335&lon=6.37894
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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