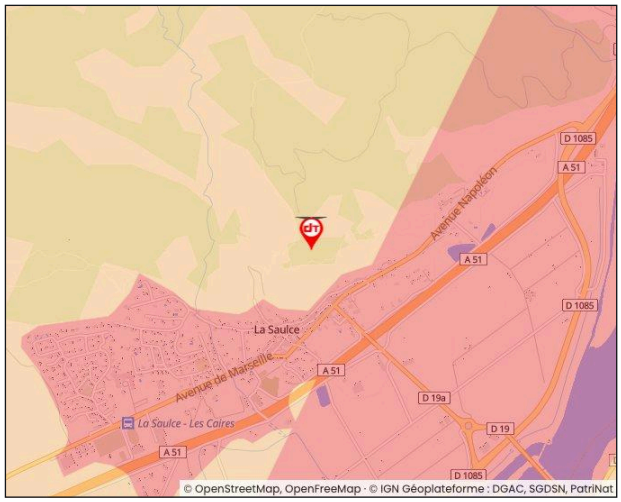
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La Saulce, the watchtower

Heritage · Hautes-Alpes

GPS coordinates	44.42835, 6.00910
Elevation	693 m
Maximum height	50 m max
Access	On foot > 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	Gap - Tallard Airfield (LFNA) 3.7 km NE · spot 87 m higher
Spot reference	314115



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	07:08	07:40	17:04	17:36	9 h 23	07:40–08:25 · 16:19–17:04
Sun 22 Nov	07:09	07:41	17:03	17:35	9 h 21	07:41–08:26 · 16:18–17:03
Mon 23 Nov	07:10	07:42	17:02	17:34	9 h 19	07:42–08:28 · 16:17–17:02

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Gap - Tallard Airfield	Aerodrome	3.7 km NE	605 m
La Motte du Caire Glider Field	Aerodrome	12 km S	650 m
Hôpital Heliport	Heliport	15 km N	759 m
Aérodrome de Sistéron-Vaumeilh	Aerodrome	17 km S	540 m

Description

The La Saulce watchtower: centuries of history and even a miracle! We all know the town of La Saulce for its economic side, with its large business park, or for its fruit-growing sector thanks to the rich Durance plain. But its historical side is less well known. That is what we wanted to discover in partnership with the municipality, and as you will see, from the La Saulce watchtower you can take in centuries of history and even a miracle! Several moments of history were indeed written in La Saulce, as this watchtower first shows, a beacon now lit up every night above the town, exactly where the original village stood before the inhabitants moved down to the valley as the famous Durance floods were gradually brought under control. Thus, La Saulce, as a gateway to the Alps, was the setting for important events, such as the famous "battle of Les Piles" between Bonapartists and Royalists …

Scan to open the up-to-date spot page: weather, map and restrictions.
https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=314115
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=44.42835&lon=6.0091
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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