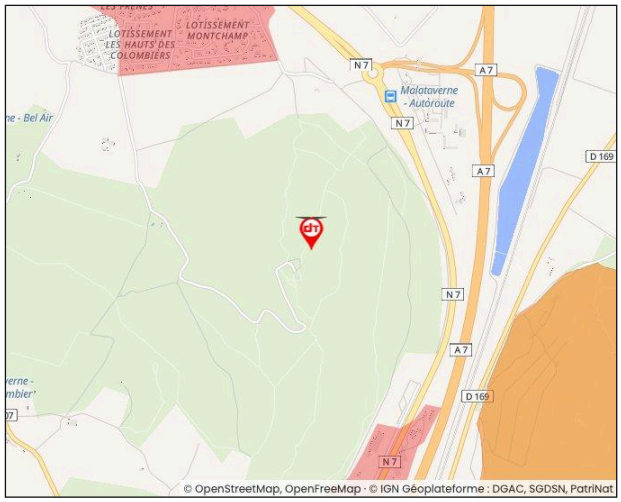
Malataverne, the Notre Dame de Montchamp chapel

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GPS coordinates	44.47504, 4.75841
Elevation	304 m
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	On foot > 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	Aérodrome de Pierrelatte (LFHD) 9.1 km S · spot 244 m higher
Spot reference	314226



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	07:45	17:09	17:40	9 h 23	07:45–08:30 · 16:23–17:09
Sun 22 Nov	07:14	07:46	17:08	17:40	9 h 21	07:46–08:32 · 16:23–17:08
Mon 23 Nov	07:16	07:48	17:07	17:39	9 h 19	07:48–08:33 · 16:22–17:07

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Aérodrome de Pierrelatte	Aerodrome	9.1 km S	60 m
Aérodrome de Montélimar - Ancône	Aerodrome	12 km N	73 m
Valréas Visan Airfield	Aerodrome	19 km SE	144 m

Description

For anyone driving on the A7 motorway or the N7, a small white building appears on the hill separating Malataverne from Donzère. It is the Priory of Montchamp, which became Sainte Marie de Montchamp, then Notre Dame de Montchamp. It is probably the oldest religious building still in use in the Notre Dame du Rhône Parish. In the 6th century a sanctuary dedicated to Saint Michael was built on the site of a Gallo-Roman place of worship dedicated to Mercury. In the 11th and 12th centuries a priory was built by the Order of St Médard, followed by the Order of St Ruf and then the Jesuits of Avignon. The Romanesque chapel, the main building of the priory, has a very eventful history (dealings over property, politics and trade, wars of religion, the revolutionary period during which it was preserved by serving as a sheepfold, destruction of the bell tower in 1945 [2], etc.). From 1948 it was …

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=314226

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=44.47504&lon=4.75841
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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