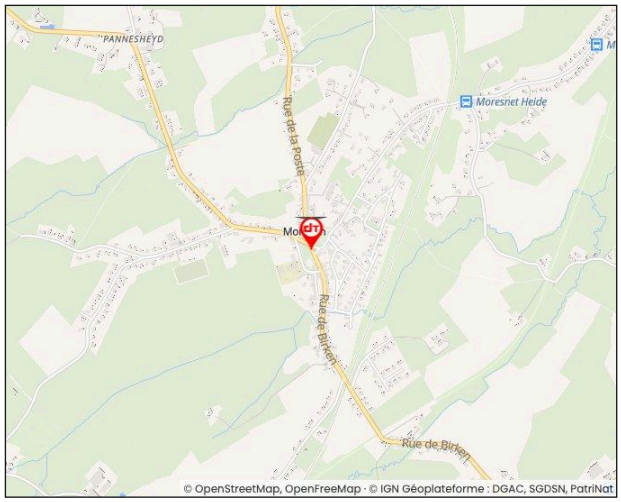
Former Montzen marshalling yard

Indoor · Belgium

GPS coordinates	50.70714, 5.96228
Elevation	210 m
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	On foot < 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	Aachen Hospital Heliport 9.6 km NE · same altitude as the spot
Spot reference	314561



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	07:24	08:01	16:43	17:20	8 h 41	08:01–08:55 · 15:49–16:43
Sun 22 Nov	07:26	08:03	16:42	17:19	8 h 39	08:03–08:57 · 15:47–16:42
Mon 23 Nov	07:27	08:04	16:41	17:18	8 h 36	08:04–08:59 · 15:46–16:41

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Aachen Hospital Heliport	Heliport	9.6 km NE	212 m
Rhein-Maas Clinic Heliport	Heliport	17 km NE	208 m
Theux (Verviers) Airfield	Aerodrome	19 km SW	335 m
Aachen-Merzbrück Airport	Aerodrome	20 km NE	190 m

Description

Indoors: two railway tracks with platforms and a set of dressing rooms.

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=314561

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

This country applies the European drone rules (open category); it may add its own zones and conditions.

- 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.

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=50.70714&lon=5.96228
Drone pilot library : https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/bibliotheque

My flight notes

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