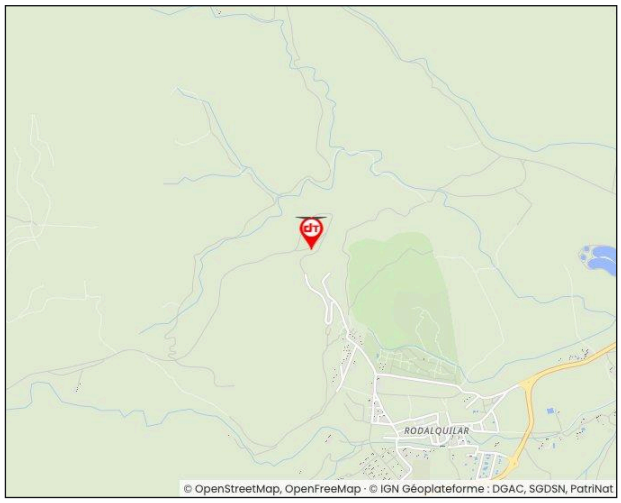
The Rodalquilar gold mine: an iconic western setting for 60 years, used by Sergio Leone

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GPS coordinates	36.85362, -2.04658
Elevation	148 m
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	On foot < 1,000 m
Spot reference	314576



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	07:25	07:53	17:56	18:23	10 h 02	07:53–08:31 · 17:17–17:56
Sun 22 Nov	07:26	07:54	17:55	18:23	10 h 01	07:54–08:32 · 17:16–17:55
Mon 23 Nov	07:27	07:55	17:55	18:23	9 h 59	07:55–08:33 · 17:16–17:55

Description

The Rodalquilar gold mine, located in the Almería region of Spain, has indeed been a prime location for many western shoots over the last 60 years. Sergio Leone is one of the most famous directors to have used this natural setting for his spaghetti westerns. He shot several scenes of his iconic films in this region, such as "A Fistful of Dollars" (1964), "For a Few Dollars More" (1965) and "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" (1966). However, Sergio Leone was not the only one to use this spectacular location. Many other directors, both European and American, also chose the Rodalquilar gold mine as a setting for their westerns. This region offers a desert, arid landscape that lends itself perfectly to the aesthetics of westerns, with its mountains, canyons and vast stretches of sand. Even today, directors continue to use the Rodalquilar gold mine as a filming location for various film ...

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https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=314576

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=36.85362&lon=-2.04658
Drone pilot library : https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/bibliotheque

My flight notes

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