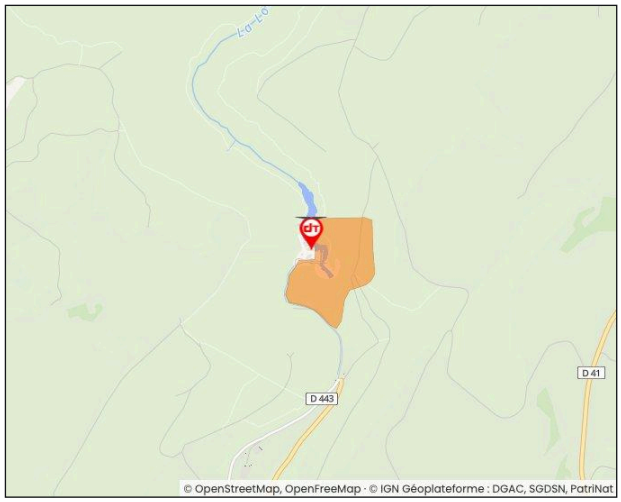
Source of the Loue Painted by Gustave Courbet

Water · Doubs

GPS coordinates	47.01155, 6.29869
Elevation	527 m
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	On foot > 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	Pontarlier Airfield (LFSP) 12 km S · spot 291 m lower
Spot reference	314618



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	07:47	16:55	17:28	9 h 07	07:47–08:35 · 16:06–16:55
Sun 22 Nov	07:14	07:48	16:54	17:27	9 h 05	07:48–08:37 · 16:05–16:54
Mon 23 Nov	07:16	07:49	16:53	17:27	9 h 03	07:49–08:38 · 16:04–16:53

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Pontarlier Airfield	Aerodrome	12 km S	818 m
Centre Hospitalier Heliport	Heliport	13 km S	843 m

Description

Source of the Loue or the Saracen Cave Gushing out of a cave 60 m wide and 30 m high carved into an overhanging wall more than 100 m high, the source of the Loue is none other than a majestic resurgence of the Doubs. Magic and grandeur reign over this "reculée" (closed cirque). It is one of the major natural sites of the Doubs, developed and enhanced with information panels to better understand the natural spectacle before your eyes. From the source, the trail lets you go down the deep gorges of the Loue, on the left bank, and reach the power plant and then the village of Mouthier-Haute-Pierre (6 km - about 2 h). By car, take the R.D. 41 leading to Ouhans, starting from the R.N. 67, then before Ouhans take the road to the Source, or, for pedestrians, the picturesque G.R. 595 overlooking the Gorges de Noailles on the right bank (2 km). Site accessible to people with reduced mobility on …

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=314618

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=47.01155&lon=6.29869
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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