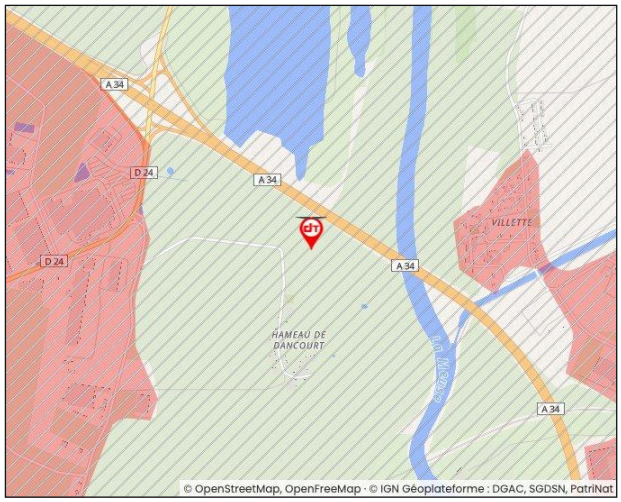
Donchery

Heritage · Ardennes

GPS coordinates	49.70925, 4.89093
Elevation	149 m
Maximum height	50 m max
Access	On foot < 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	Sédan Douzy Airfield (LFSJ) 12 km SE · spot 7 m lower
Spot reference	314694



Spot location and restrictions (Drone-Spot map image)

Sun (local times, UTC+01:00)

Day	Dawn	Sunrise	Sunset	Dusk	Day length	Golden hour
Mon 23 Nov	07:29	08:05	16:49	17:25	8 h 44	08:05–08:57 · 15:56–16:49
Tue 24 Nov	07:30	08:06	16:48	17:24	8 h 41	08:06–08:59 · 15:55–16:48
Wed 25 Nov	07:31	08:08	16:47	17:24	8 h 39	08:08–09:01 · 15:54–16:47

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Sédan Douzy Airfield	Aerodrome	12 km SE	156 m
Centre Hospitalier Heliport	Heliport	15 km NW	176 m
Charleville-Mézières Ardennes-Etienne Riché Airfield	Airport	19 km NW	150 m
Orchimont UL	Aerodrome	22 km N	400 m

Description

As early as the 1306 pouillé (register of benefices), it was a "secours" (chapel of ease) of the parish of Donchery, placed under the patronage of Saint Julian the Martyr. The tithes were paid entirely to the prior of Donchery. In 1730, work and modifications were undertaken on the church. The surviving official report makes it possible to reconstruct the original state of the church, which still remained in 1730. In 1732, it was declared under construction and "solidly restored and in very good condition". During this work, several old parts of the church were removed. A few slight alterations were made afterwards. In 1979, following a decision by the town hall of the time, as the church was in a state of decay, the council decided to have it demolished to create what we know today. The village is located in the north of the Ardennes, 6 km from the fortified castle of Sedan, listed as a …

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=314694

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=49.70925&lon=4.89093
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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