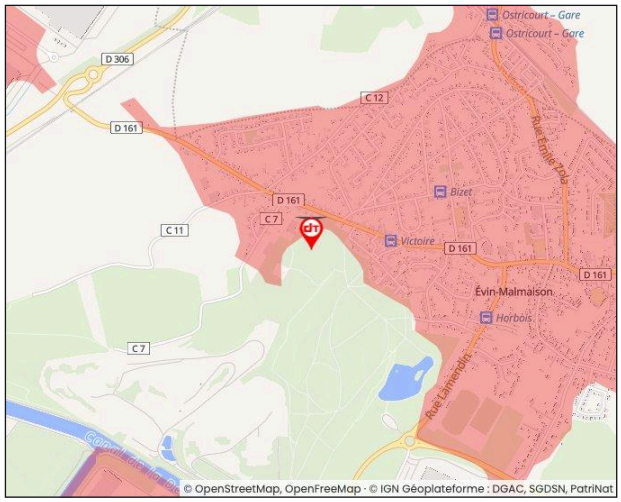
Puit n°8 - ostricourt

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GPS coordinates	50.43866, 3.02283
Elevation	34 m
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	On foot < 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	Usine Renault Heliport 8.6 km S · spot 5 m higher
Spot reference	315368



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	07:35	08:12	16:56	17:32	8 h 43	08:12–09:05 · 16:02–16:56
Sun 22 Nov	07:37	08:13	16:55	17:31	8 h 41	08:13–09:07 · 16:01–16:55
Mon 23 Nov	07:38	08:15	16:54	17:30	8 h 38	08:15–09:09 · 16:00–16:54

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Usine Renault Heliport	Heliport	8.6 km S	29 m
Polyclinique Heliport	Heliport	11 km SW	62 m
Vitry en Artois Airfield	Aerodrome	11 km S	53 m
Lille-Lesquin Airport	Airport	15 km N	48 m

Description

Mining at pit no. 8 began in 1913. Activity stopped during the Great War and only resumed after the sabotaged pits were dewatered. The mine buildings were rebuilt in the 1920s. In 1923, the temporary facilities intended to allow work on shaft no. 8 to resume, and the sinking of shaft no. 8 bis to serve as an air return, were completed. In 1926 and 1927, the installation of the shaft no. 8 winding engine, its headframe and winding building was completed. After nationalization, pit no. 8 was connected to no. 7. Shaft no. 8 bis was deepened in 1956 and extraction stopped in 1961 following the commissioning of pit no. 10 at Dourges. Pit no. 8 was then assigned to personnel transport thanks to the installation of new cages. In 1968, pit no. 8 was connected to pits no. 9 and 10 at Oignies via the 630 level, and took over the personnel of pit no. 7, which had closed shortly before. The old and …

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=315368

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=50.43866&lon=3.02283
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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