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FLIGHT CARD

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Vouglans Dam - SCernon

Water · Jura

GPS coordinates	46.39731, 5.66285
Elevation	425 m
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	Direct access by car
Nearest aerodrome	Aérodrome de St Claude Pratz (LFKZ) 8.4 km E · spot 200 m lower
Spot reference	315459



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	07:14	07:47	16:59	17:32	9 h 11	07:47–08:35 · 16:12–16:59
Sun 22 Nov	07:15	07:49	16:58	17:32	9 h 09	07:49–08:36 · 16:11–16:58
Mon 23 Nov	07:17	07:50	16:58	17:31	9 h 07	07:50–08:38 · 16:10–16:58

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Aérodrome de St Claude Pratz	Aerodrome	8.4 km E	625 m
Aérodrome d'Oyonnax-Arbent	Aerodrome	13 km S	535 m

Description

At 35 km long, the lake formed by the Vouglans dam is the 3rd largest artificial lake in France. The German artist Klaus Dauven created a temporary mural on the dam in partnership with EDF and Kärcher. This project showcases this emblematic Jura dam in an original way, in particular its immense concrete arch (427 meters long at the crest and 130 meters high), a true artistic and technical feat. The transfer process relies on a very particular technique: the art of cleaning away dirt. The artist draws on a dirty surface to bring out a pattern highlighted by the light-dark contrast. This monumental work, revealing a forest landscape of the Jura, will be visible for several years from the viewpoints on the left and right banks of the dam. Near OYONNAX

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=315459

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=46.39731&lon=5.66285
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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