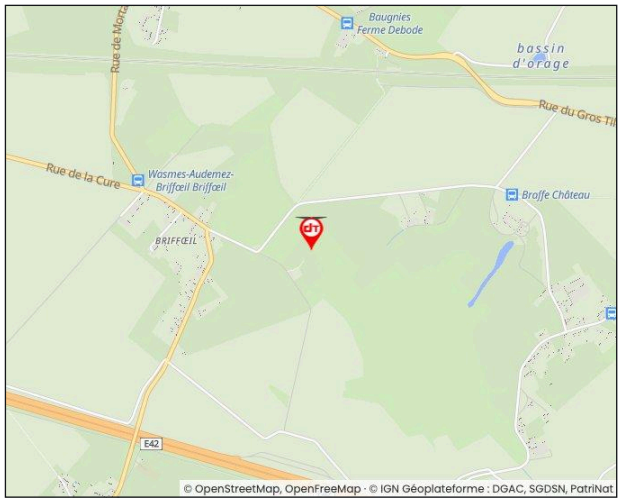
# Briffoeil

Heritage · Belgium

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| **GPS coordinates** | 50.55023, 3.55757 |
| **Elevation** | 39 m |
| **Maximum height** | 120 m max |
| **Access** | On foot < 1,000 m |
| **Nearest aerodrome** | Tournai/Maubray Glider Field (EBTY)<br>4.7 km SW · spot 10 m lower |
| **Spot reference** | 316009 |




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** | 07:33 | 08:10 | 16:53 | 17:30 | 8 h 42 | 08:10–09:04 · 15:59–16:53 |
| **Sun 22 Nov** | 07:35 | 08:12 | 16:52 | 17:29 | 8 h 40 | 08:12–09:06 · 15:58–16:52 |
| **Mon 23 Nov** | 07:36 | 08:13 | 16:51 | 17:28 | 8 h 37 | 08:13–09:08 · 15:57–16:51 |

## Nearby aerodromes

| Aerodrome | Type | Distance | Elevation |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tournai/Maubray Glider Field | Aerodrome | 4.7 km SW | 49 m |
| Chièvres Air Base | Airport | 20 km E | 59 m |
| Saint-Ghislain Airfield | Aerodrome | 21 km SE | 23 m |
| Ath/Isieres Ulmodrome | Aerodrome | 22 km NE | 30 m |

## Description

Isolated to the east of the village, the remains of the Briffoeil castle testify to the scale of this remarkable castle complex, built from the 13th century, extended in the 16th and 17th centuries, then gradually abandoned before being demolished at the end of the 19th century. Set in the middle of meadows whose undulations reveal the traces of the vanished parts, these remains today have real scenic quality combined with archaeological and historical value. The castle, mentioned in 1378, as well as the lordship, belonged to the d'Antoing family before passing notably to the Mérode family in the 16th century, and to the Vilain de Gand family in the 17th century. The whole site is known, among other sources, from the Count of Ferraris map, surveyed in the last third of the 18th century. Of the former quadrilateral enclosure surrounded by water and punctuated by five towers, only the …

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=316009

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=50.55023&lon=3.55757
**Drone pilot library :** https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/bibliotheque

## My flight notes

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