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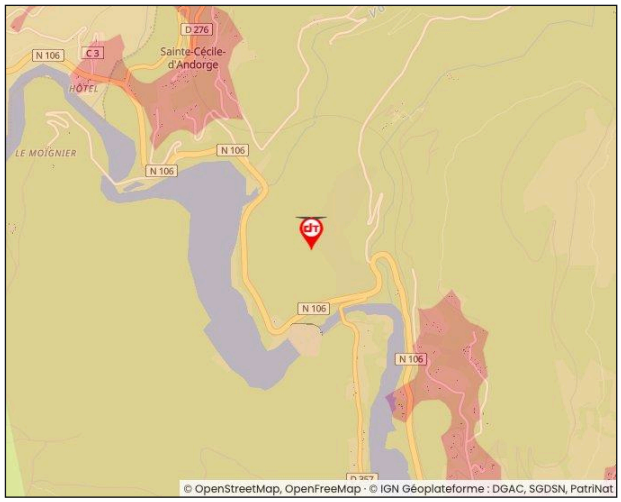
FLIGHT CARD

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Lake Camboux, the Sainte-Cécile d'Andorge dam

Water · Gard

GPS coordinates	44.24576, 3.98164
Elevation	292 m
Maximum height	50 m max
Access	Direct access by car
Nearest aerodrome	La Grand'combe Airfield (LFTN) 2.4 km E · spot 210 m lower
Spot reference	316275



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	07:16	07:47	17:12	17:44	9 h 24	07:47–08:32 · 16:27–17:12
Sun 22 Nov	07:17	07:49	17:12	17:43	9 h 22	07:49–08:34 · 16:27–17:12
Mon 23 Nov	07:18	07:50	17:11	17:43	9 h 20	07:50–08:35 · 16:26–17:11

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
La Grand'combe Airfield	Aerodrome	2.4 km E	502 m
Aérodrome d'Alès Cévennes	Airport	23 km SE	204 m

Description

Lake Camboux was created following the construction of the Camboux dam in 1957. Show less The Camboux Dam was built on the Gardon d'Alès to supply electricity to the Fesc thermal power plant, which powered the mine shafts of La Grand Combe. It is also a flood-control dam for the Gardon, whose floods often hit the town of Alès during Cévennes episodes. The lake is set in an exceptional green landscape and is a place for relaxing, swimming and fishing. From June to September, it also hosts a leisure center offering a variety of outdoor activities. Completed in 1967, the Sainte-Cécile-d'Andorge embankment dam, a class A structure, is 45 m high and 154 m long at the crest. The structure controls a catchment area of 116 km². The main function of the Sainte-Cécile-d'Andorge dam is flood control: during rainy periods, this structure can temporarily store large volumes of water and reduce flow …

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=316275

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=44.24576&lon=3.98164
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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