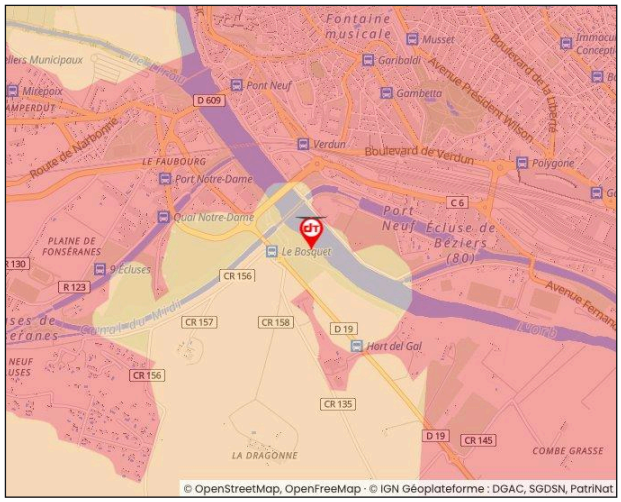
The Béziers canal bridge

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GPS coordinates	43.33326, 3.21376
Elevation	11 m
Maximum height	50 m max
Access	On foot < 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	Hôpital Montimaran Heliport 3.5 km E · spot 43 m lower
Spot reference	316415



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	07:17	07:48	17:18	17:49	9 h 30	07:48–08:32 · 16:34–17:18
Sun 22 Nov	07:18	07:49	17:17	17:49	9 h 28	07:49–08:33 · 16:33–17:17
Mon 23 Nov	07:19	07:50	17:17	17:48	9 h 26	07:50–08:35 · 16:32–17:17

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Hôpital Montimaran Heliport	Heliport	3.5 km E	54 m
Béziers-Vias Airport	Airport	11 km E	17 m
Narbonne	Aerodrome	20 km SW	3 m

Description

The Orb canal bridge, or Béziers canal bridge, is an aqueduct that carries the Canal du Midi over the Orb as it passes through the city of Béziers. Its construction, led by Urbain Maguès, director of works for the Canal du Midi, began in 1854. Opened in 1858, it replaced the crossing through the riverbed, always unpredictable and dangerous, that boats previously had to make. It is one of the largest canal bridges in France, comparable to those of Cacor on the Garonne canal at Moissac, and of Guétin at Cuffy on the lateral canal to the Loire. The canal bridge has been listed as a historic monument since August 29, 1996

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=316415

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=43.33326&lon=3.21376
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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