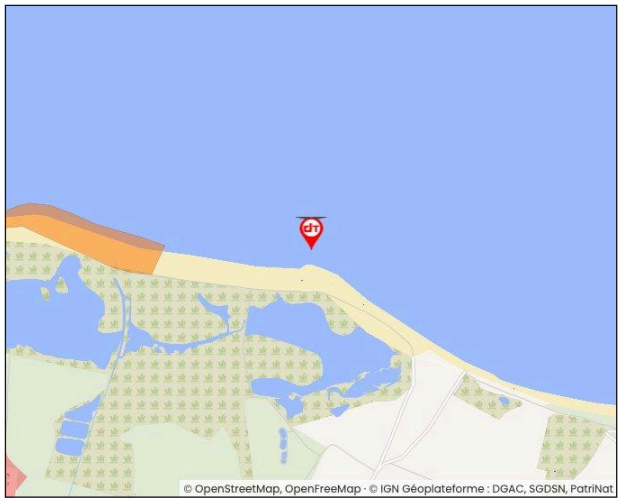
La batterie de Néville

Water · Manche

GPS coordinates	49.70588, -1.35837
Elevation	0 m
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	Direct access by car
Nearest aerodrome	Cherbourg-Maupertus Airport (LFRC) 10 km SW · spot 140 m lower
Spot reference	316669



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	07:51	08:27	17:16	17:52	8 h 49	08:27–09:19 · 16:24–17:16
Sun 22 Nov	07:52	08:28	17:15	17:51	8 h 46	08:28–09:21 · 16:22–17:15
Mon 23 Nov	07:54	08:30	17:14	17:50	8 h 44	08:30–09:22 · 16:21–17:14

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Cherbourg-Maupertus Airport	Airport	10 km SW	140 m
Centre Hospitalier Heliport	Heliport	20 km W	19 m
Arsenal-Premar Heliport	Heliport	21 km W	8 m

Description

It was built in 1942 at the Pointe de Néville by the German navy (Kriegsmarine). It was equipped with 4 British Vickers 94 mm anti-aircraft guns. The whole battery includes about thirty blockhouses laid out along the beach, linked to each other by galleries. It was engaged on June 6, 1944 against the Allied landing. It attacked several naval convoys, notably on June 7, June 11, June 13, June 15 and the morning of June 18, forcing them to turn back. It suffered an aerial bombardment on June 13, which did not put it out of action. Its German occupants finally scuttled it on June 18 in application of the "Henrich plan", which ordered a concentration of the German defense on the "fortress of Cherbourg" (Festung Cherbourg). The Americans took possession of it on June 20. The American army used the casemates for demolition tests.

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=316669

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=49.70588&lon=-1.35837
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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