Tatihou Island

Water · Manche

GPS coordinates	49.58889, -1.24345
Elevation	4 m
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	On foot > 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	Cherbourg-Maupertus Airport (LFRC) 18 km NW · spot 136 m lower
Spot reference	316816



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	07:50	08:26	17:16	17:52	8 h 50	08:26–09:18 · 16:24–17:16
Sun 22 Nov	07:51	08:27	17:15	17:51	8 h 47	08:27–09:20 · 16:23–17:15
Mon 23 Nov	07:53	08:29	17:14	17:50	8 h 45	08:29–09:21 · 16:21–17:14

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Cherbourg-Maupertus Airport	Airport	18 km NW	140 m

Description

The small island of Tatihou, a true bird-watchers' paradise, becomes a peninsula at low tide, and is always accessible by amphibious boat. The island is dominated by the Vauban tower and its fortifications. The granite walls and slate roofs of the houses blend harmoniously into the colors of the coast, its dunes and its rocks lashed by sea spray. To reach the island, hop aboard the amphibious boat! At low tide, it threads its way between the oyster beds. At high tide, it links the jetties of Tatihou and Saint-Vaast in just a few minutes. Another option: walk to the island at low tide. Places and events not to miss on Tatihou Visit the maritime museum and discover the archaeological collections on the wrecks of the royal fleet, sunk during the Battle of La Hougue in 1692. The museum also has collections presenting the island, the secrets of its formation, and its fauna and flora. Stroll …

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=316816

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=49.58889&lon=-1.24345
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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