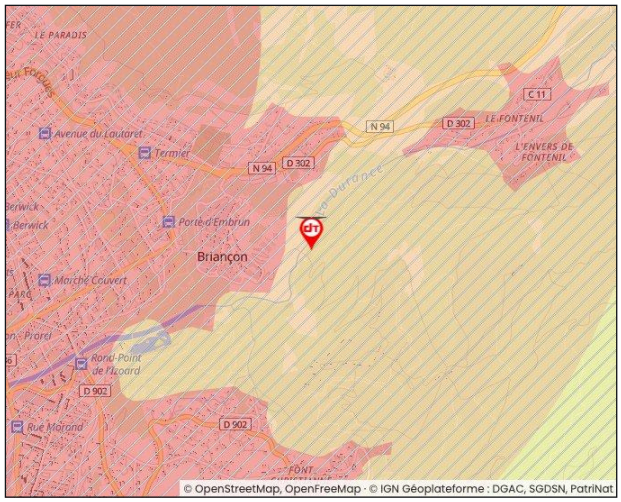
Briançon, the Pont d'Asfeld

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GPS coordinates	44.89882, 6.64787
Elevation	1,338 m
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	On foot < 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	Centre Hospitalier Heliport 1.5 km NW · spot 5 m higher
Spot reference	317019



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	07:07	07:39	17:00	17:32	9 h 21	07:39–08:24 · 16:14–17:00
Sun 22 Nov	07:08	07:40	16:59	17:31	9 h 19	07:40–08:26 · 16:13–16:59
Mon 23 Nov	07:09	07:41	16:58	17:31	9 h 17	07:41–08:27 · 16:12–16:58

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Centre Hospitalier Heliport	Heliport	1.5 km NW	1,333 m
Mont-Dauphin - St-Crépin Airfield	Aerodrome	22 km S	903 m

Description

A true work of engineering, combining technical achievement and aesthetics, this bridge was built to link the upper town with the forts on the left bank of the Durance. An airy, dizzying structure, the Pont d'Asfeld has spanned the Durance since the 18th century, connecting the upper town of Briançon with the forts that defend it. As part of the works program begun in 1720 under the orders of the Marquis d'Asfeld, who gave it his name, this stone bridge plays a central role in the defense of Briançon, an essential stronghold in the Alps and a true defensive lock in the Durance valley. This bold structure, which spans a gorge 55 meters deep in a single arch, links the upper town with the forts built on the Têtes plateau, on the left bank of the Durance. In the middle of the bridge stands an ironwork cross crowning a stone pyramid. A bronze plaque, a facsimile of the original, displays the …

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https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=317019

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=44.89882&lon=6.64787
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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