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FLIGHT CARD

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The Pas de Roland

Mountain · Pyrénées-Atlantiques

GPS coordinates	43.31430, -1.40018
Elevation	210 m
Maximum height	50 m max
Access	On foot > 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	Itxassou Airfield (LFIX) 3.1 km NW · spot 25 m higher
Spot reference	317066



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	07:35	08:06	17:37	18:08	9 h 30	08:06–08:50 · 16:53–17:37
Sun 22 Nov	07:36	08:08	17:36	18:07	9 h 28	08:08–08:52 · 16:52–17:36
Mon 23 Nov	07:38	08:09	17:35	18:06	9 h 26	08:09–08:53 · 16:51–17:35

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Itxassou Airfield	Aerodrome	3.1 km NW	185 m
Centre Hospitalier De La Côte Basque Heliport	Heliport	20 km N	23 m
Biarritz-Anglet-Bayonne Airport	Airport	20 km NW	75 m

Description

Getting there from Itxassou is very easy. I strongly recommend parking your car in the village, because the winding road leading to the Pas de Roland has no parking spaces. You will find several small car parks in the village center, including one near the stunning Saint-Fructueux church, dating from the 17th century and now listed as a historic monument. Then follow the road for about 1 km, admiring the panorama over the Atharri hill, before reaching the forest and the banks of the Nive. Along a low stone wall, the gorge reveals itself in all its splendor, with its clear, fast-flowing water, surrounded by wooded hills rising to more than 300 m. Here, magic is everywhere… in the turquoise reflections of the river, around the bends of the path overlooked by centuries-old trees and lush nature. After 2 km of walking, I reach the famous Pas de Roland, which marks the last few meters of this …

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=317066

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=43.3143&lon=-1.40018
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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