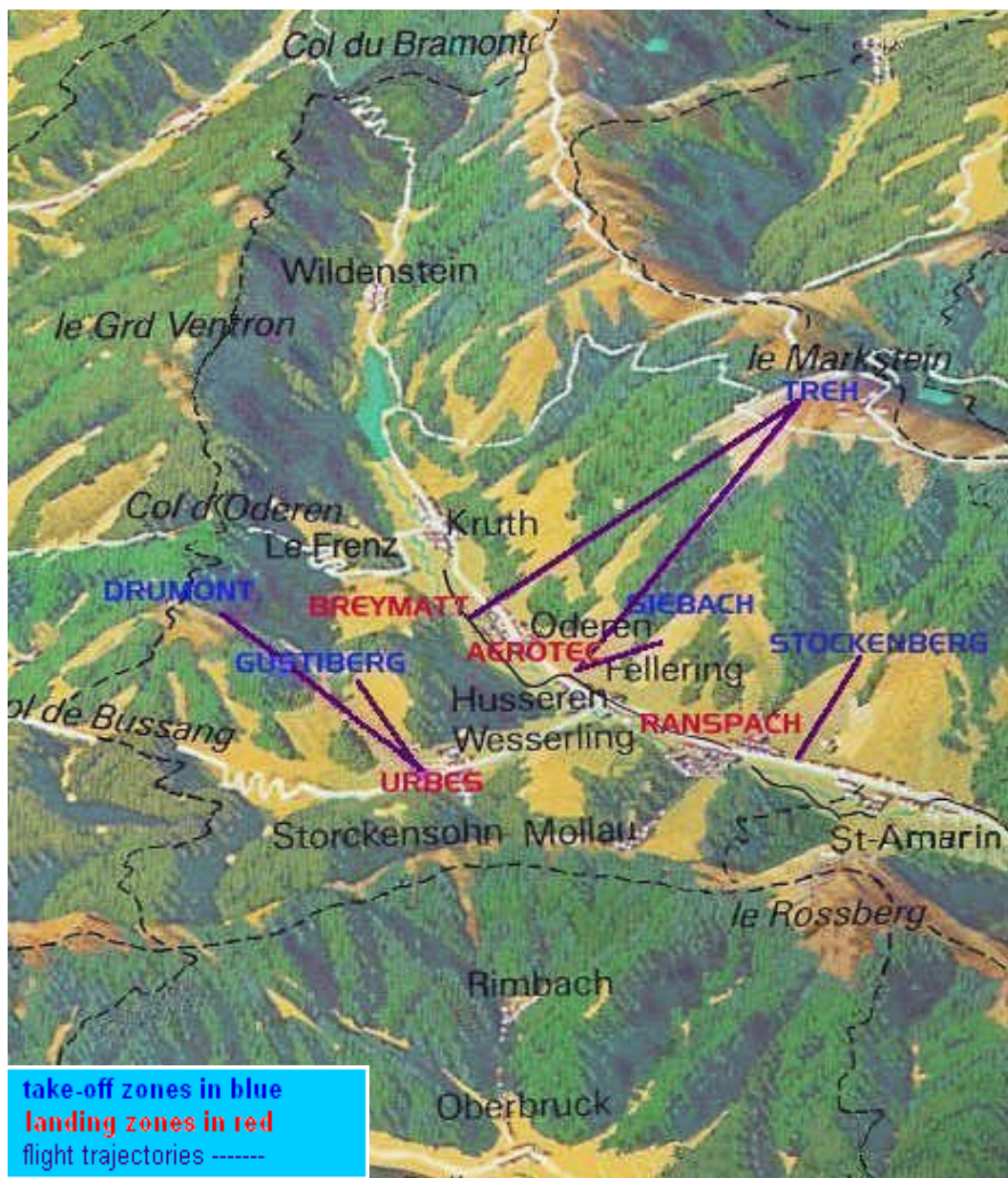


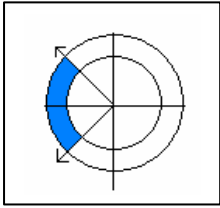
Paragliding and Hang gliding

in the Thur valley

Ligue d'Alsace de la FFVL

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Le TREH / *Markstein*

Altitude 1206 m

Co-ordinates GPS 47°55' 32"N - 07°00' 39"E

Take-off Northwest to Southwest

The **Treh** is without doubt one of the most beautiful sites in Europe but also very busy. At weekends, especially if the weather forecast has been good it gets very crowded.

How to get there:

Coming from Fellinging/Oderen take the main road via the lake; do not use the short cut (dangerous and disturbing for residents). Arriving at the top, the gravel road to the left is for hang gliders only. Please make sure the turning circle is kept free for emergency vehicles at any time.

Weather

The site is facing the South West and therefore dangerous for Eastern and North Eastern winds. For Southern winds there is a take-off zone which is short and for experienced pilots only. To check the direction of the wind it is useful to go to the top of the Treh or watch the flags at the crossroad at the Markstein. Strong wind may lead to turbulences. Thermals can be very good. Depending on how the thermal conditions are it is possible to do superb cross-country flights. Make sure you are informed of civil and military air traffic control zones, height limits, etc.

Attention :

For safety reasons it is forbidden to take off above the barrier. This area is reserved for the preparation of the paragliders only. The take-off zone for the paragliders left of the wind sock, for the hang gliders to the right. Please respect this at any time. As there is a lot of space, toplanding is a possibility if the wind is less than 30km/h

Landing zones : *Aérotec / Fellinging - Oderen* and *Breymatt / La Carrie*

GUSTIBERG / *Le Gusti*

Altitude 1024 m

Co-ordinates GPS 47°53' 37"N - 06°56' 03"E

Take-off South to South East

This site is most interesting in the morning and therefore well liked for cross-country flights. The height difference is 650m and lovely flights over the valley of Urbés and the Col de Bussang are possible

How to get there :

Take the N 66 via Urbés direction Col de Bussang up to the pass, then turn right to the quarry, stay on the forest road up to the paraglider parking space. (sign), 15 minutes footwalk, follow the signs.

Weather :

Dangerous if wind speed is more than 20km/h.

Attention: Jet stream at the Col de Bussang.

Relatively good thermal conditions

Attention :

Strictly no parking or turning at the Ferme-Auberge Gustiberg! Turn right at the last bend, parking at the end of that little road.

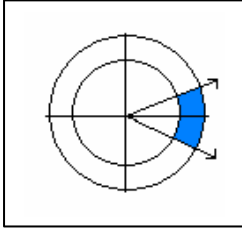
Restrictions :

Do not fly over the camp site.

Take-off : easy

Landing zone : URBÈS (camp site)

The Ferme-Auberge Gustiberg is well worth a visit.



Le DRUMONT

Altitude 1200 & 1180 m

GPS Hang glider 47° 54'08" N 06°55'00"E

GPS Paraglider 47°54'02' 'N 06°55'02"E

Take-off East

How to get there :

Take the N 66 via Urbés direction Col de Bussang. Turn right shortly after the pass (going down) and turn right again at the first possibility. Take the forest road direction Ferme-Auberge Drumont. Park along the road below the parking reserved for clients of the Ferme-Auberge; to be respected any time. There is a steep foot path behind the Ferme-Auberge which leads in 5 minutes to the hang glider take-off and a view point. Follow the wider path behind the Ferme-Auberge to the paraglider take-off, cross the fencing at the gate, follow the path along the fence for about 5 minutes to the hill top South of the Ferme.

Take-off Hang gliders:

Altitude 1200 m

Limited space for preparation

Take-off Paragliders:

Altitude 1160 m, on a pasture

This site is suitable for experienced pilots only as the take-off zone is relatively flat.

Wind can be changing a lot. Danger of lee in the Urbés valley.

Danger and restrictions :

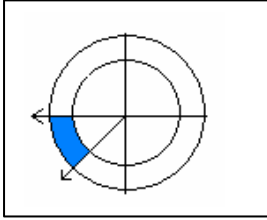
No landing East of the take-off (Rammersbach).

Jet stream at the end of the Urbés-valley direction Col de Bussang.

There is a remote control plane site between the hang glider and paraglider take-off zones.

Landing Zone URBES (Camp site)

Lovely food and cold drinks served at the Ferme-Auberge Drumont



Le STOCKENBERG

Hochstein-Ranspach

Altitude 747 m

Co-ordinates GPS 47°53'14"N 07°01'33" E

Take-off West to South West

How to get there : Coming from St. Amarin take the N 66 and turn right into Ranspach and follow the road through the village. At the end turn into the "Chemin du Koestel". The parking is next to the barbecue place. Take-off can be reached within two minutes on foot.

Attention :

This site is also used by remote control planes. Take-off is easy but very short, careful with weak winds.

Landing zone : Ranspach / St. Amarin

**Landing
Zone**

RANSPACH/ *St Amarin*

Altitude 418 m

Co-ordinates GPS 47°52'46"N 07°00'59" E

How to get there : Next to the N 66 between round-about to St. Amarin and Ranspach.

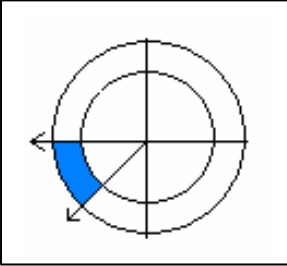
Attention:

The landing zone is squeezed in between road and railway track and therefore restricted.

SIEBACH / Le 200

Altitude 690 m

Co-ordinates GPS 47°54'12"N 06°59'30" E
Take-off West to South West



Protected site, mainly used and reserved for training.

Main take-off (200 m difference in altitude), alternative take-offs (difference in altitude 250m and 300 m.)

How to get there :

Leaving Aerotec in direction lake, turn right off the main road in Oderen after passing the "mairie". Please drive slowly and respect the residents. Leave your car at the last house. Do not obstruct farm traffic and business.

Follow the gravel road on foot. Make sure to close gates at all time. Only vehicles of paragliding schools authorized by the land owner are allowed to use this road.

For sporty people : There is a foot path across the railway track (Aerotec), through the field up the mountain which takes about 30 minutes.

Landing zone: Aerotec

French landing to be respected at any time. For information check the information board at the Restaurant Aerotec.)

Local clubs Contacts

Les Eperviers du Treh Gilbert NICOLINI Tel 03.89.82.71.01

Markstein Airways Brigitte SANNE Tel 03.89.82.17.16
Daniel WOLF Tel 06.07.48.60.82

Thur Vol Libre Jean-Louis KIRCHHOFF Tel 06.07.97.00.22

Landing Zone

AEROTEC / *Fellinging-Oderen*

Altitude 460 m

Co-ordinates GPS 47°54'05"N 06°58'58" E

The landing zone Aerotec is the centre of the hang gliders and paragliders in the Thur Valley. There is a paragliding school, shop, camp site and restaurant.

Weather Turbulences with Northern winds.

Attention :

The landing zone is also frequently used by trainees starting at the Siebach. Please make sure you always respect the landing regulation

- Please leave the landing zone quickly after landing.

- Packing is alongside the terrace of the restaurant.

The landing zone is in the extension of the Southern edge of the Treh.

Approach **Respect the French landing at any time (Information board!)**

Approach for paragliders from East (hill side, railway track)

Landing zone

BREYMATT / *La Carrie à Oderen*

Altitude 480m

Co-ordinates GPS 47° 55'04"N 06°57'57"E

Often turbulent

The landing zone is in the extension of the Western edge of the Treh.

Approach : French landing

Also you might be tempted, do not land in the adjacent fields or near the road between Oderen and Kruth

Attention :

High voltage transmission line alongside the river Thur.

How to get there :

Coming from Treh/Markstein turn right shortly after arriving in Oderen. The landing zone is behind the railway track and the large fields indicated by the wind sock. Please respect the one way traffic.

Please park on the parking and not on the landing or the packing zone

Packing zone next to the wind sock.

Strictly no parking or packing on the pointedly Southern part of the landing zone (collision with incoming hang gliders)

Landing Zone

URBES / *Le Camping*

Altitude 458m

GPS 47° 52'56"N 06°56'37"E

How to get there :

Coming from Fellinging on the N 66 direction camp site right at the end of Urb Please drive carefully, small road.

Weather :

Turbulent if wind comes across the pass (Col de Bussang).

Attention :

- Do not park alongside the camp site. The official parking is a little further to the right.
- If you miss the landing zone, leave the adjacent field immediately. Do not pack your stuff there.
- Packing zone alongside the road

- Cold drinks available at reception of camp site.

Landing zone : short

Approach : **Limited space, do not fly over the camp site, keep your distance, leave landing zone immediately**

French paragliding schools

The trademark « Ecole Française de Vol Libre », assigned by the association FFVL, stands for first quality training. From the first contact to performance training about 150 schools with competent teachers, special material and adequate flight areas accompany men and women, adolescents (from 14 years on) and the less young in their development to becoming pilots.

EMERGENCY Tel 18 / 112

Security frequency FFVL 143.9875 Mhz

Respected French FFVL-School

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 c.e.m@wanadoo.fr

Respected German DHV-School

Papillon Tel./ Fax: 03.89.82.71.87
 www.papillon.web.de

Sales and repair of flight equipment

MVL Boutique Tel. 03.89.82.17.16

Camp sites

Aérotec à l'atterro	Tel 03.89.82.79.62
Kruth le Schlossberg	Tel 03.89.82.26.76
Urbès, à coté de l'atterro	Tel 03.89.77.63.77
Camping de Moosch	Tel 03 89 82 30 66
Ranspach, des Bouleaux	Tel 03 89 82 64 70
Geishouse	Tel 03.89.82.30.47

Mass accomodation

Gîte Ferme du Bergenbach (above Brey matt/Carrie)

Tel 03.89.38.74.16

Tourist Information

Tel 03.82.82.13.90

Hotels

St. Amarin	Au cheval Blanc	Tel 03 89 82 64 80
	Le Mehrbachel	Tel 03.89.82.60.68
Moosch	Aux Trois Rois	Tel 03.89.82.34.66
Ranspach	Hôtel Restaurant Fritschi	Tel 03 89 82 61 34
Fellering	Le Saisonnier	Tel 03 89 82 63 68
Urbès	Au Col de Bussang	Tel 03 89 61 50 04
Kruth	Auberge de France	Tel 03 89 82 28 02
	Les 4 saisons	Tel 03 89 82 28 61
	Au Soleil D'or	Tel 03 89 82 20 97
Wildenstein	Auberge du Bramont	Tel 03 89 82 28 55
	Résidence Bernard de Lattre	Tel 03 89 82 20 20
	Hôtel Restaurant du Soleil	Tel 03 89 82 28 41
Markstein	Auberge du Steinlebach	Tel 03 89 82 61 87
	Hôtel Restaurant Wolf	Tel 03 89 82 61 80

Restaurants :

(Fermes-Auberges) near the take-off zones!

Gîte et Ferme Auberge du Drumont Tel 03.29.61.50.12

Ferme auberge du Gustiberg Tel 03.89.82.75.25

Usefull addresses

Pharmacies, Fellingring 3 route de Bussang
Oderen 58, Grand'Rue

Cash Machines

Crédit Mutuel 85 Grand'rue à Fellingring

Food stores, open Sundays :

Proxi 63, Grand'rue in Kruth

For humans' flying is neither natural nor easy. It harbours the same fears as the sea used to hold. Flight sports and especially hang- and paragliding are done in an invisible and incomprehensible environment. Learning to fly leads the trainee to a freedom of responsibility in which all weather phenomena and unpredictable violent changes of the environment have to be taken into account.

It teaches us modesty and giving up if the conditions exceed our abilities. Therefore, a pilot is in agreement with nature which he/she understands and respects even more as he/she has learned to observe it.

Patrick Calligaro Accompagnateur de club.

A bit of history

Through the work of the engineer Rogallo the first hang glider appears in France in the early 70s. In the early 80s the paraglider, now the favourite, appears.

The French flight association (FFVL) counts today about ca. 32.000 licensed members of any age group, both female and male. Included are the activities hang gliding, paragliding, kites and kite surfing.

Our valley is lucky to welcome many flight tourists coming from different regions all over Europe to fly in this extraordinary area.

Gilbert Nicolini, Président de la Ligue d'Alsace

Competition

The tasks are similar to the glider competitions. A specified distance done as fast as possible. The airborne starts are an extraordinary sky ballet if the often changing weather allows for it. Now, there are more often acrobatic competitions, which increasingly attract young participants. Personal distance achievements are considered within „Challenge de distance“.

There are possibilities to challenge these records, **Vosges record 189 km.**

Fabrice Sibille, a competitor