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Weather stations list

Site name / Département / Local map in the département

Site reference number / **Takeoff orientation** / **Takeoff / elevation GPS coordinates** / **Landing / elevation GPS coordinates** / **Useful addresses** / **General remarks**

Weather station : 7 FFL weather stations (1325 m), 9/1 Adam - Digne (1217 m), 4/20 Alpes - Alps (1340 m), 5/1 Moutiers (1660 m), 6/1000 (1524 m), 7/0 Chabannon (1800 m)

Usual XC routes

From St-Vincent, take off in the early afternoon then fly on your right to enjoy the dynamic conditions and the thermal that triggers from the Fort's cliffs. Then fly to Dormilouse before carrying on along the 20-km ridge of the Montagne-Blanche leading to the Tête d'Estrop in the south, south-east. Then you can fly back to St-Vincent or proceed to the south to St-André-les-Alpes via the Caduc mountain top. Flying back will be made easier thanks to valley wind. The whole run is 110km long. From St-Vincent you can also fly north to Pic de Morgon then why not go for XC around the lake.

For tough pilots, taking off from Morgon (elev. 2324m) will make it easier to get up from low-down areas.

Getting there / **Site description** / **LZ location** / **Takeoff location and orientation** / **Scale** / **Airspace regulations**

Landing

Getting there : Top landing at takeoff mainly. Specific area marked on the map at the beach area of the Le Lac campsite when the lake is empty (from September to May). No landing there from mid-June to late August. Other LZ is possible shortly before campsite, south of the road. Please ensure that the field contains no crops or livestock. Top landing is tricky, beware of gradients and rotor during approach.

Takeoff

Getting there : At the junction of the D900 and D9000 roads between Barcelonnette and Gap drive towards Digne then take the D407 to St-Vincent-les-Forts. Launch is visible as you enter the village.

Good to know : Site is tricky because the takeoff is short and associated above a reverse-launch technique. Keep an eye on the lake to monitor how the conditions are and it is better to land. Gender conditions are to be found early in the morning, before 09:00 or late in the afternoon, after 17:00. St-Vincent-les-Forts is the only site in the area which is flyable in the morning (northerly wind) so it will be very busy then. The good thing about this site is top landing, so respect launch, LZ and pack-up areas.

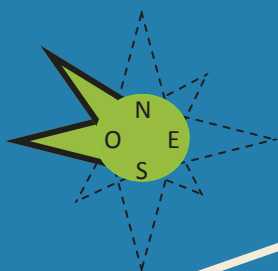
Site characteristics

Bear in mind that you are flying in the South. Local climate conditions are smooth and valley wind strong in summer from 10h-12h onwards until 17h. Then some resubstitution flights in smooth conditions until nightfall. The proximity of the Mercantour Parc results in important restrictions in this great-vegor sector. Seek advice before XC flying.

Notes: The landing is described first because it is recommended to visit the area before taking off.

Haute-Savoie (74)

Takeoff direction



1250 m

45°48'51"N
06°14'49"E



460 m

45°46'54"N
06°13'18"E

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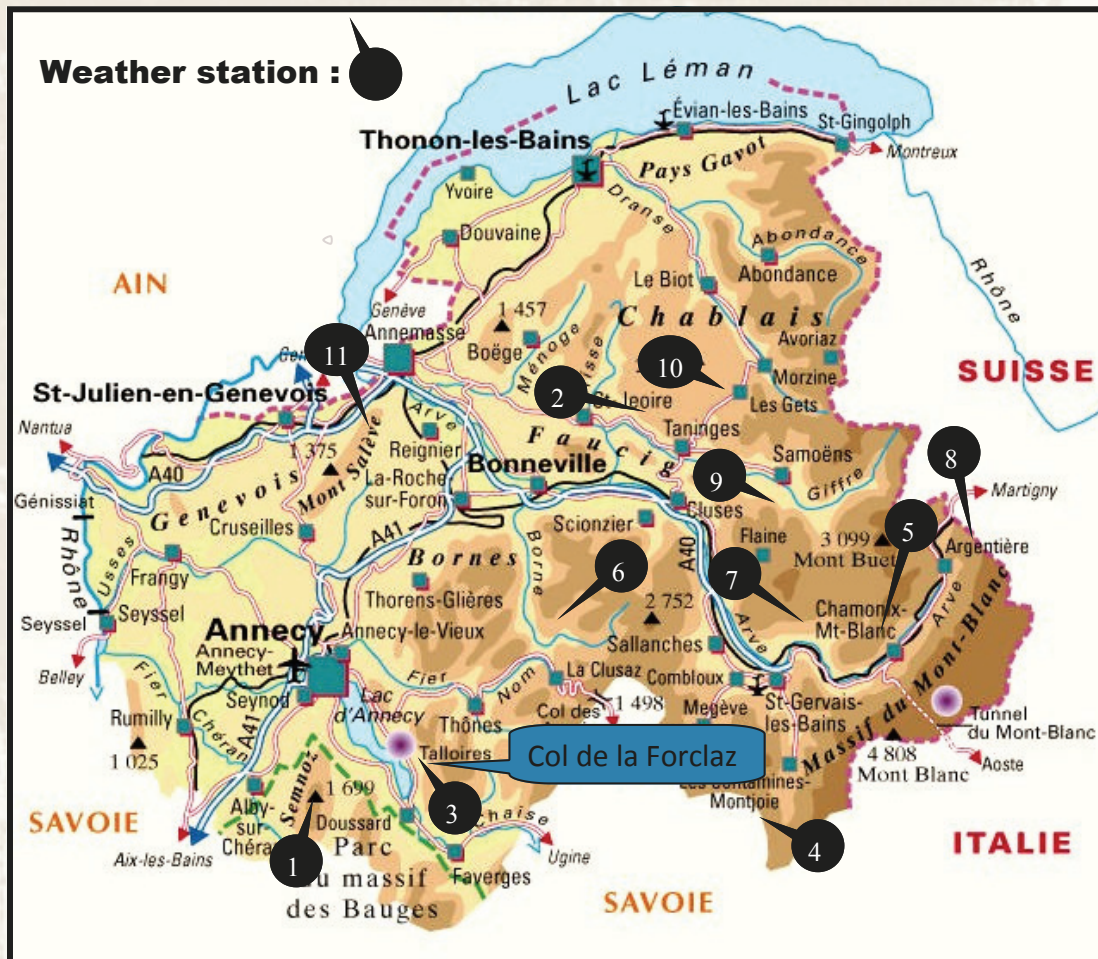
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The Annecy lake breeze explained by flying instructor PP Ménégosz.

Weather stations :

There are 11 FFVL weather stations (143,9875 Mhz): 1/Le Semnoz (elev : 1704 m), 2/Mieussy (1670 m), 3/Montmin (1270 m), 4/Col du Joly (2003 m), 5/Brévent (2525 m), 6/Mt Lachat (2050 m), 7/Varan (1644 m), 8/Charamillon (1850 m), 9/plateau de Saix (1650 m), 10/Mt Chery (1826 m), 11/Le Salève (1270 m).



Usual XC routes

There are loads of flying possibilities and routes here. A classic XC is to fly around the lake (see map): after taking off, top up your height near the Dents de Lanfon's limestone cliffs to reach a minimum 1900m ASL before flying across the lake to the Roc des Boeufs then gaining height thanks to local dynamic conditions. From there you can fly south across the Bauges massif or towards Mont Revard or again land at Doussard.

Another option is to fly towards the Aravis mountain range then on to Pointe Percée before going back home.

Landing

Getting there : From Annecy drive to Doussard on the south side of the lake on the D1508. LZ is located just north of the village in a field which is west of the local gym. When conditions are good, there are many pilots up in the air, so just follow them...

Good to know : West part of LZ is for hang-gliders. No flying below 200m AGL over nature reserve located at the lake's end. LZ near nature reserve is for emergency landing and SIV courses only. Local PG/HG buses will charge you a lift up to launch.

Takeoff

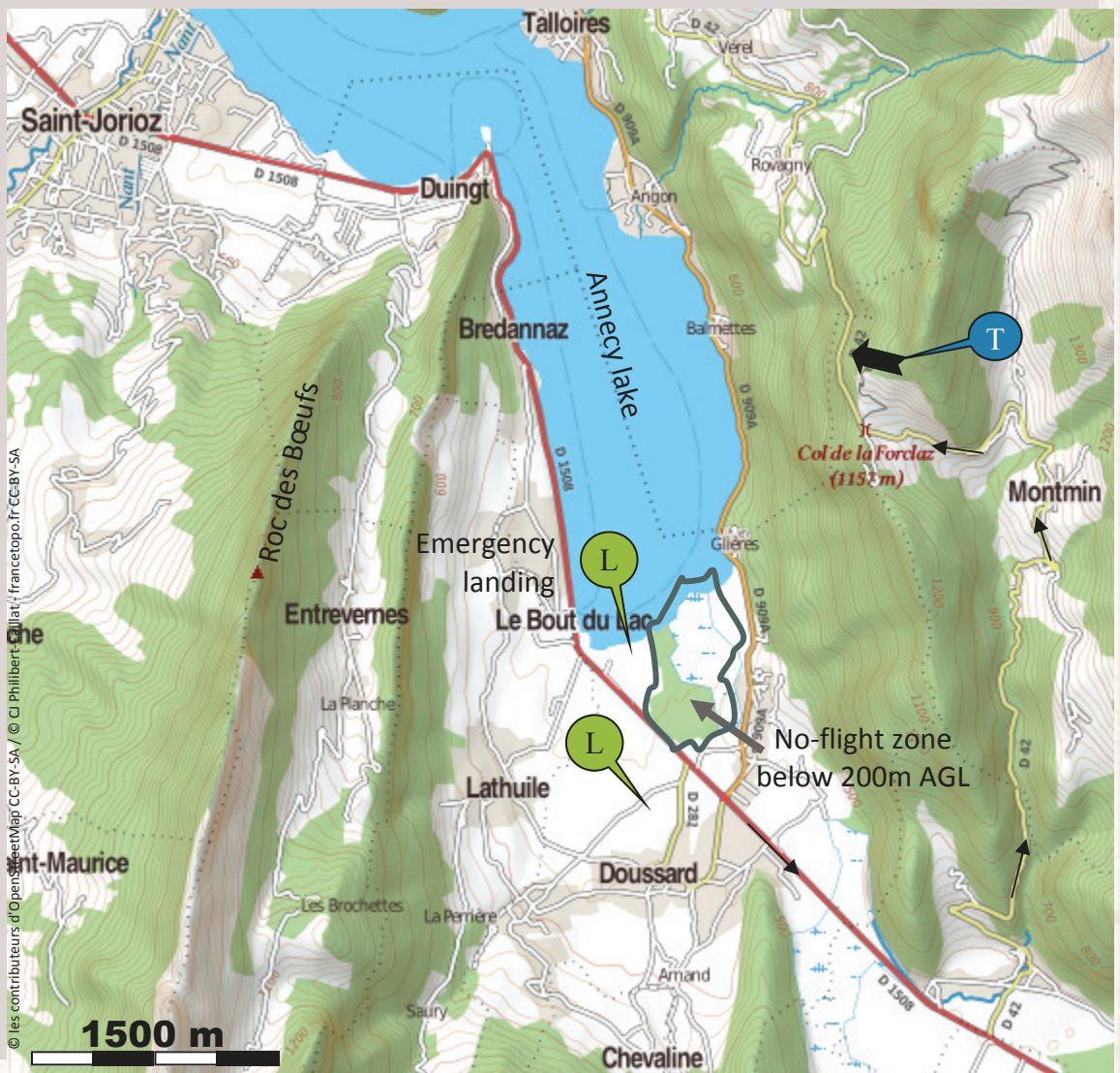
Getting there : From LZ at Doussard drive towards Faverges, turn left towards Montmin and Col de la Forclaz. Park your car at the Col and hike for 10 mn up the walk-only road to launch. A Doussard by-law authorises local PG/HG schools and Handicare to drive up the road.

Good to know : The site is often crowded with pilots, so respect local rules: right-hand side of launch is reserved for individual pilots, left-hand side for PG/HG schools and tandems. Rigging area is at the back of launch. Absolutely NO top landing. Keep the air in front of launch clear. Do not fly in southerly or south-easterly wind and in strong northerly wind.

Local aerology closely depends on the Annecy lake where breeze may be strong during summer afternoons. Just take a look at the lake surface to monitor conditions. The lake breeze also provides good dynamic conditions that will save your day at the Roc des Boeufs, but it may be strong in low-altitude areas.



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Site characteristics

Main airspace restriction in this area is Anney CTR, with no flying over the city.

Also no flying over more specific areas like the nature reserve at the lake's end, near the Doussard campsite –no flying below 200m AGL; do not fly over the area near Perroix LZ (minimum altitude limit 150m AGL).

When the site is busy, respect basic rules about pack-up area or approach technique at LZ and pilots allotment space at launch.

Haute-Savoie (74)

Takeoff direction



2050 m

45°57'31"N
06°28'35"E



950 m

45°56'08"N
06°27'43"E

Site manager :

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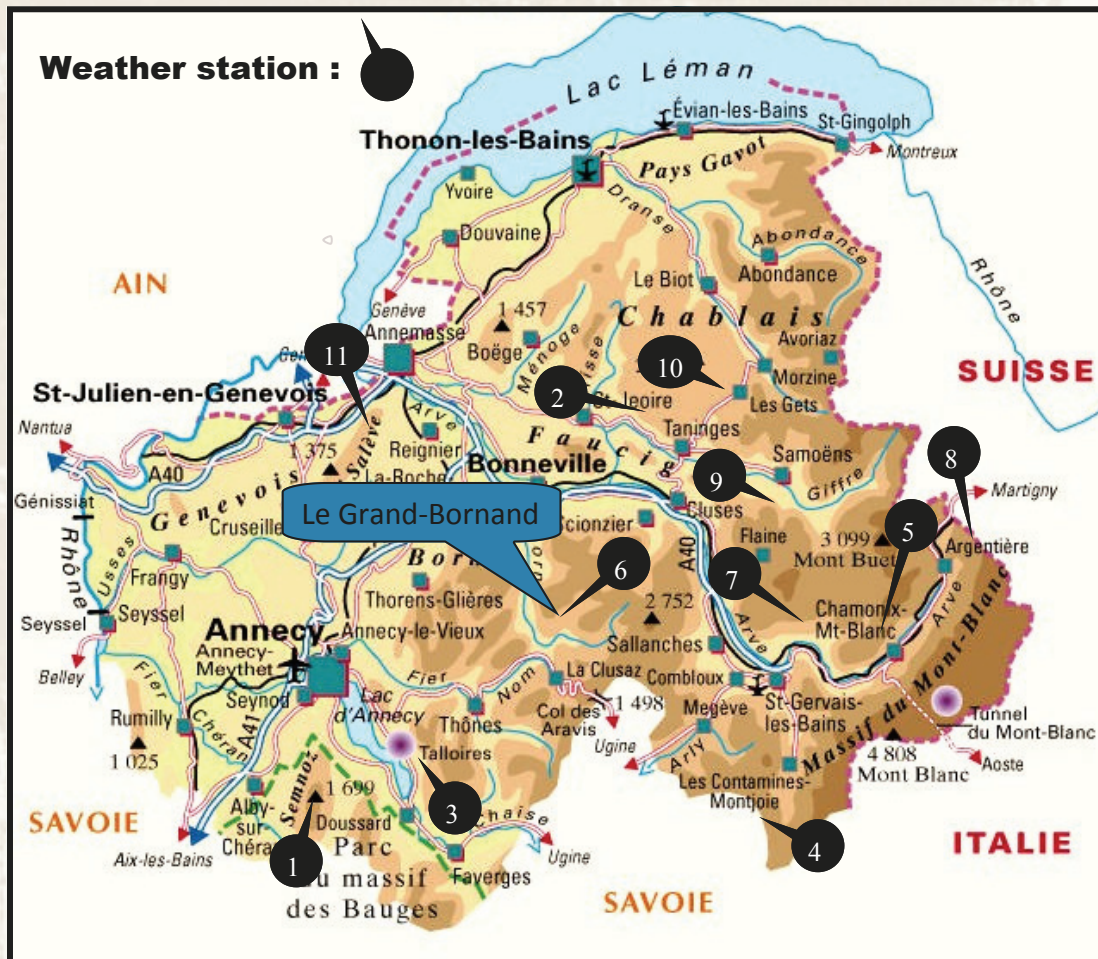
Facing the Aravis range, the Grand-Bornand is a great starting point for XC. Air conditions in these mountains allow high-altitude ceilings with a unique view on nearby mountain tops. With easy access to launch thanks to chair-lifts, the site is excellent for honing your skills in smooth conditions during morning flights. In addition to PG, Grand Bornand is the perfect place for all kinds of mountain sports during your stay in the region.



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Usual XC routes

The Mont-Lachat takeoff is a bit isolated at the heart of 3 valleys. So it is important to top up your height above launch before leaving the nest and start XC. Once you have gained enough altitude there are several options: fly east towards the Aravis range then down south to reach Marzens. Or fly north-east towards the Assy plateau or even Chamonix with a long flight across the Arve valley. If you fly west, aim for the ridges then fly to the Tournette, located east of Annecy.

Landing

Getting there : There are 2 LZ areas –one is next to the skating ring, adjacent to the road in the village centre (park your car along the road). Other LZ is between the road and the river south-east of the Bouchet hamlet, 2.3 km east of Grand Bornand. It will take you about 15 mn to walk to the car-park area near the cable-car station.

Good to know : The skating ring LZ is better in the morning with no-wind conditions as it is located at the junction of 3 valleys where conditions may be tricky. The Bouchet LZ is better, even in the afternoons when local breeze is blowing. The site is particularly adapted to winter flying with or without your skis.

Takeoff

Getting there : From Grand Bornand take the Rosay cable car then the Lachat chairlift. Launch is at the top, slightly on the right.

Good to know : Ski-lifts are open in summer from late June to early September. When closed in spring and autumn, drive up to the Lachat chairlift then walk up to Col de Chatillon, which will take you 45 mn.





Site characteristics

There are no airspace restrictions at the Grand-Bornand site. Beware of chairlift cables though.