

Paragliding on La Palma

Latest information and rules after the volcano eruption of Tajogaite / Cabeza Vaca.

As a result of the eruption, the landing site in Puerto Naos and the Palmaclub take-off in Puerto Naos are still closed. There are many changes, so read this document carefully before flying. As always, you are flying on your own responsibility. This flyer shall help to reduce confusion and increase safety.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Westside:

The Westside is the best-known area for flying, where international competitions are also held. It is the dryer side and often in lee. The Westside is also known for good flying conditions and thermal developments, often lasting the whole day. The situation in lee requires special attention and meteorological knowledge. NB: Wind strengths may increase rapidly resulting in dangerous conditions! It's always a good idea to talk with the local pilots or book the ParaGuide Service (temporarily unavailable).

Eastside:

Dominated by the CTR of La Palma, the eastside is a good alternative with calmer eastern winds, especially in the morning before the sun heats up. Well-known take-off is at the "Pico de las Nieves".

INFORMATION AND RULES

Paragliding in Spain requires a valid pilot licence and insurance; it is obligatory to fly with an approved emergency parachute and wearing a helmet.

Please respect traffic rules during flight and landing! The international rules are also valid here: if you have the cliff on the right, you have right of way.

The special conditions at the landing site in El Remo require an approach depending on wind direction. The circuit should be flown high, reducing a rest of excessive height by flying 8s only before turning into the final approach. Consult graph.

Before launching you should check the conditions at the landing site (e.g. by walkie-talkie). Pay attention to the appearance of the sea: if the waves are big or you see white crests, do not launch, or land immediately if you are already in the air.

Please take care of the launch and landing sites. Most take offs are in natural protected areas. Take your rubbish away with you, also cigarette stubs!

Flying from, into and over the "**Caldera de Taburiente**" is strictly prohibited! In the natural reserve "**Cumbre Vieja**", taking off is only allowed at the official launch sites! In order to not put our activities in danger, please respect those rules!

Overflying of the new lava fields as well as the new volcano is prohibited. Consult the latest NOTAM.

Take Off and Landing in Puerto Nao: Unavailable evacuated and closed due to volcanic gases

The cliff above Puerto Naos is currently in a restricted airspace. Paragliding is not allowed. Please consult latest NOTAM.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

All emergencies, Police, Guardia Civil:	112(multilingual)
Javier López Redondo	610 695 750
Roger P. Frey	638 809 917

Walkie-Talkie frequencies of Palmaclub:

PMR Channel 5/15: 446.05625 MHz / CTCSS 110.9 MHz

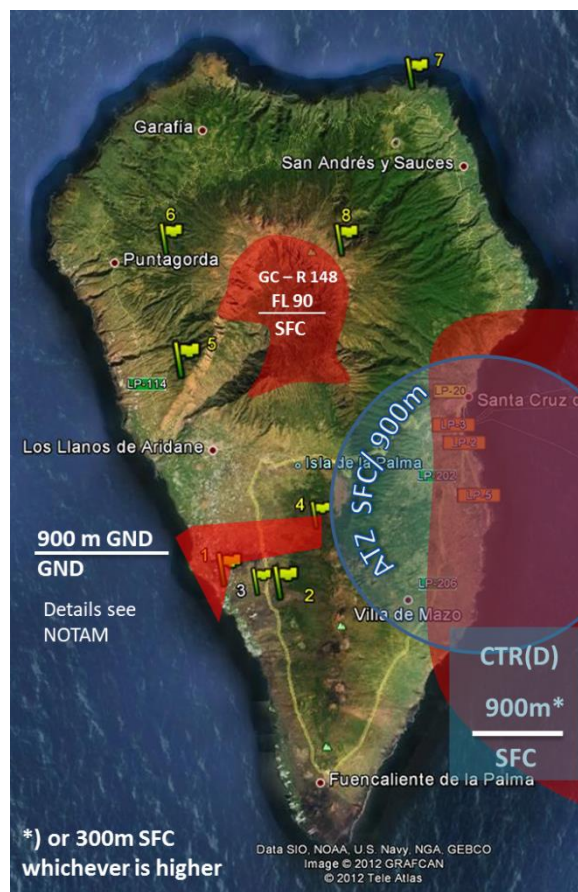
Live wind information: www.wunderground.com

Weather-Station Puerto Naos: ILOSLL12, Tacande (El Paso) IELPAS5

Airspace restrictions

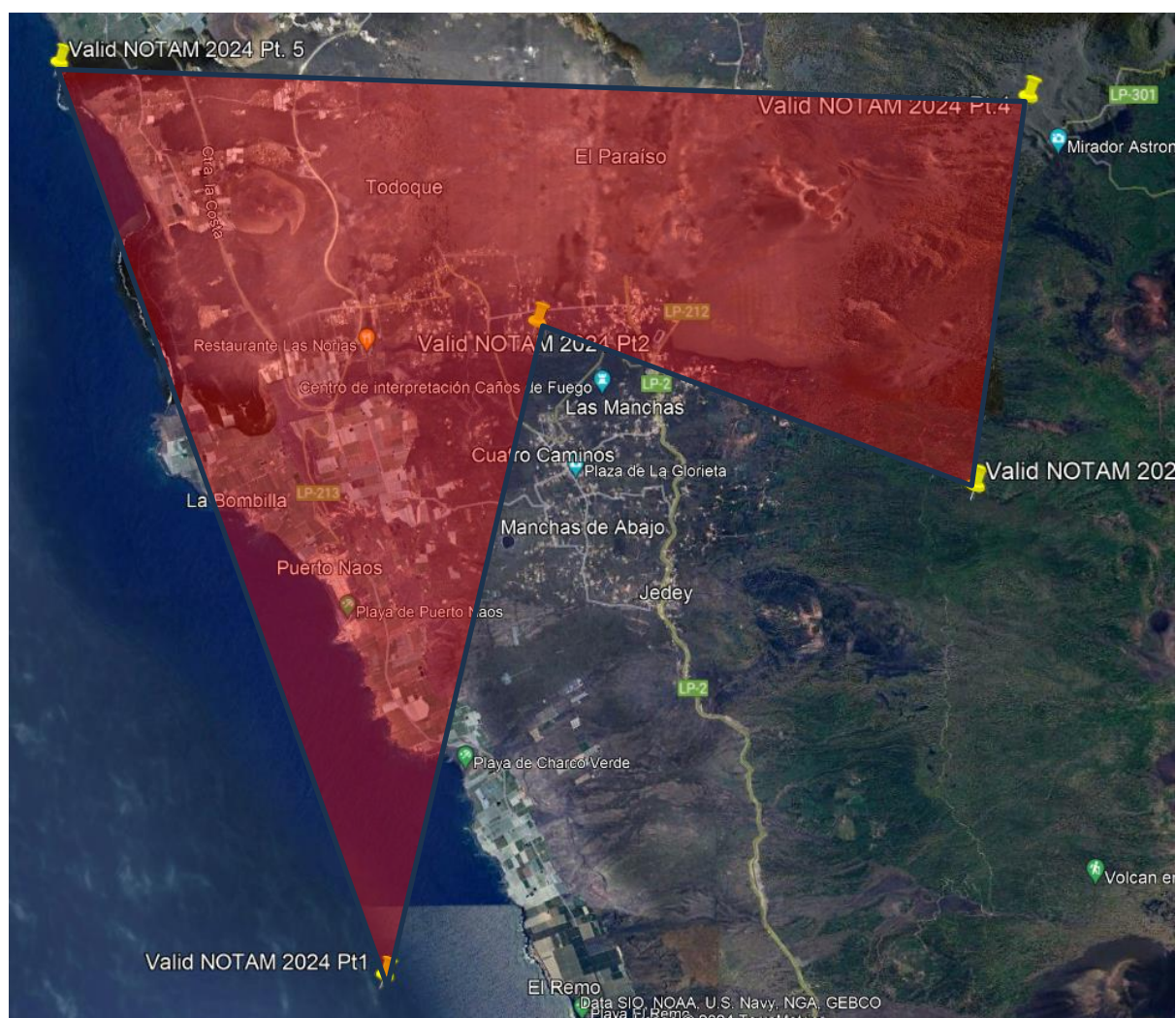
There are 3 restricted areas on La Palm, the CTR of the airport with its ATZ, the national park Caldera de Taburiente and after the eruption, the new lava fields and the volcano itself.

As the restricted airspace over the lava fields is up to 900 m GND, but paragliding on the Canary Islands is only allowed up to 300m GND, overflying the new lava fields is currently impossible.



The NOTAM was published in January 2024 valid until end on June 2024 is as follows:

- 1.) 283326N 0175439W
- 2.) 283630N 0175349W
- 3.) 283551N 0175131W
- 4.) 283718N 0175102W
- 5.) 283759N 0175608W



Landing Information El Remo

There is a small gravel strip that forms a beach path where we can land. The site is **only suitable for experienced pilots** and although requested, has not yet been officially approved. Please look at the situation carefully before flying. Also watch out for possible pedestrians!

Care should be taken at all times to ensure that **only one pilot lands at a time**. Flying off the cliff in time signals to the other pilots that this pilot is landing.

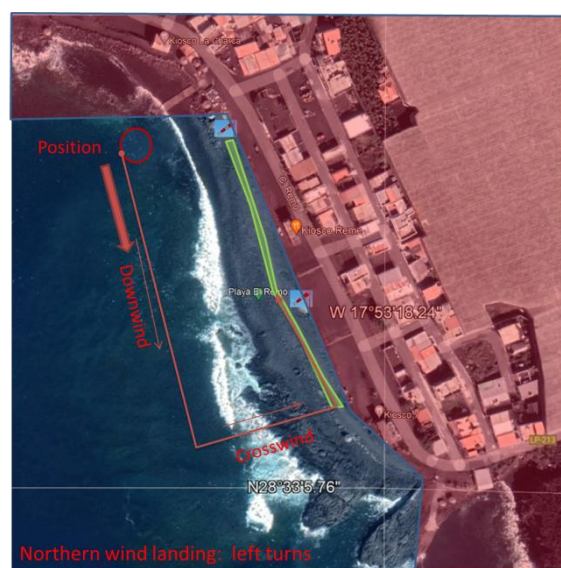
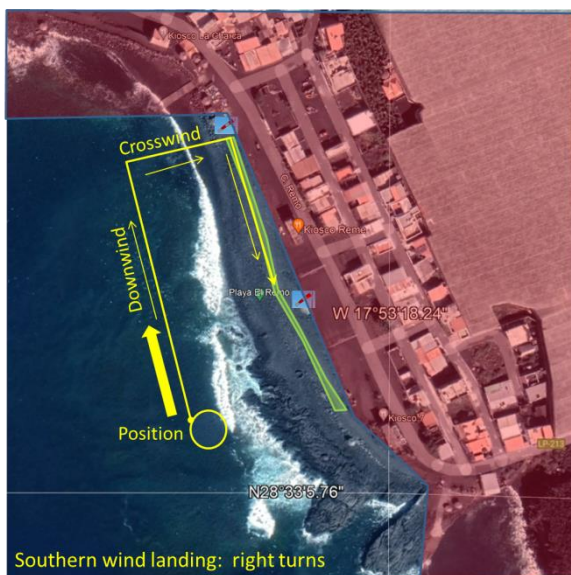
If more than one pilot is on approach, rules must be followed: Landing turn is right turn in south wind and left turn in north wind.

If more than one pilot is at the same altitude, they must separate by agreement.

In an emergency: If two pilots are still at the same altitude, the pilot in front flies the crosswind in the middle of the strip and the pilot behind at the beginning.

Walkie talkie frequency is PMR 5/15
(446.05625 MHz and CTCSS Tx and Rx
110.9 Hz).

Pilots landed shall keep the radio on and help to inform pedestrians if colleagues are on the approach.





GENERAL TAKE OFF INFORMATION

Use Alternative Landing Sites:

Visit them before flying!

El Remo W 17.888940N 28.552584

Consult graphs and special instructions.

In the cliff above El Remo, a poorly visible high-voltage line runs from the mast on the cliff down to El Remo.

Charco Verde W 17.898844 N 28.572596
(Landing in the little bay)
Do not use with wind speed >10 kn

Please note that those two alternative landing sites are not suitable for beginners.

Start Nº 1: Puerto Naos W 17,902177 N 28,586762 Temporarily closed due to airspace restrictions after volcano eruption.

Landing in Puerto Naos is strictly forbidden as the whole village is confined due to high volcanic gas.

Start Nº 2: Campanarios W 17,869102 N 28,580566

Private cars must be parked at the before dirt road starts.

Walk ~ 30 mins from there.

- 800/900 m. SW-NW Use alternative landing site in El Remo or Charco Verde.

Start Nº 3: Jedey W 17,883048 N 28,582477

- 650m. SW. W. Rarely used and might be overgrown.

Start Nº 4: El Gallo (1300-er) W 17,848952 N 28,6165694
Temporarily closed due to airspace restrictions after volcano eruption.

The take-off is in the restricted area.

Start Nº 5: Fire Tower El Time W 17,925362 N 28,691611

- 1100m. NW. Turbulence with south and eastern winds. Strong thermals during the day from the high SE cliff. Landing site at the beach of Tzacorte. Attention, strong winds may blow out of the caldera.

Start Nº 6: Puntagorda W 17,933593 N 28,7524074

- 1600m. WNW. Landing aside the Helicopter landing (W -17,994432; N 28,7799857). Flight must be authorized by the mayor. Attention: minimum glide ratio of 7+ without wind.

Start Nº 7: Barlovento Costa W 17,793707 N 28,8385596

- 250m. N-NO. Landing „Fajana de Barlovento“ 10m, (W -17,788627 N 28,8430799). Attention, changing winds. Minimum glide ratio of 1:3 without wind.

Start Nº 8: Cumbre San Andres y Sauces W 17,834105 N 28,7512347

- 2.140m. N – NE. Attention: forming of lower clouds is already in the early morning possible. Wind direction and intensity may change below the inversion. Take off with low inclination. Landing site Puerto Espindola 10m, (W -17.763525 N 28.811293). Glide ratio 1:5 without wind.

Start Nº 9: Puntallana W -17.743856 N 28.745871

- 430m. N, NE, E. only top-landing possible. The former communicated landing site is not available until further notice.

Always happy landing!

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