



The Midland Gliding Club is situated on the top of the Long Mynd, a 1450' hill with its own micro climate and considerations. The key things to be aware of are below:-

- The landing and take off and overshoot areas are not obvious, in some cases, because they don't exist. **It is absolutely essential that a full tour of the airfield is performed by pilots and crew alike before flying from the Mynd for the first time.** There can be no exceptions to this for visitors, the landscape changes on a monthly basis
- **Winch launching at the Mynd is different, we usually use a retrieve winch,** it back releases for you at the top of the launch but if you inadvertently pick up the retrieve cable on your ground run then it will saw through your wing until it reaches the spar leaving you flying round with a drum of cable beneath you. This is an extremely rare occurrence but nonetheless it affects the way we think when we launch. **Ensure you are briefed and your brain is engaged.**
- Our launch failure options are different from flat sites. **You must ensure that you are briefed on the options applicable to that launch direction and conditions before you get in the glider.**
- We have a ridge which you may end up enjoying for many a happy hour. **To minimise the risk of collision, south bound gliders move out into the valley,** the sun can cause difficulties when ridge soaring so separation is vital.
- Easterly winds at the Mynd can be a pain. If it is very strong then don't bother, if it is moderate then make sure you are briefed before flying on how to deal with the nasty curlover you will encounter. The east ridge is soarable in certain conditions but land out options in the immediate Stretton Valley are limited.
- The Mynd has a delicate layer of thin soil and grass on top and driving around indiscriminately can ruin it. **Please keep the speed down to less than 15mph** and stick to the roads wherever possible.
- Westerly winds are great fun at the Mynd and you may even get the chance to bungee. **Under no circumstances are you to do this without a briefing on the day** from someone who knows, in addition our instructions are printed on the hangar doors and they must be read. Even if you have done over a thousand bungee launches, if you have not done so in the last 6 months, then you must be briefed. There is no STOP in a bungee launch.



- Westerly winds also now attract vast numbers of paragliders and hang gliders. We have conventions to avoid conflict so please ensure you get briefed on these when the wind is from the West.
- We fly in wind speeds as high as 50 kts but single seaters are often restricted to lower limits. In high winds ground handling is as important as airmanship. **Never move a glider on the ground in high winds without someone sitting in it.** Always keep hold of canopies or lock them down.
- **Low level racing finishes are discouraged over the airfield.** The finish line will be extended where possible into the valley so that high energy finishes can be completed to the west of the ridge. Always radio Mynd Launch on 129.975 at 5 minutes and 1 minute and ask for the launch to be held if necessary due to a marginal finish.