

Bath, Wilts and North Dorset Gliding Club

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Gliding vouchers general information

- ⇒ **Validity.** Vouchers are valid for twelve months and are not refundable.
- ⇒ **Your Trial Flight** will be with a British Gliding Association approved pilot for introductory flights or an instructor on instructional flights. The flight duration will be highly dependent upon weather conditions on the day. The main soaring season is April to September and the duration of flights outside this period will, on average, be shorter.
- ⇒ **Weight & age restrictions.** Please note you must be:
 - Over 7 Stone (98lbs or 44.5kg)
 - Under 16 Stone (224lbs or 102kg)
 - At least 13 years old
- ⇒ **Safety on the airfield** Please seek guidance from a club member upon arrival and take a look at the website for general safety information.
- ⇒ **When do you fly?** We fly every weekend day and Bank Holidays, excluding Christmas Day.
- ⇒ **Do I need to book?** No. We do not operate a booking system, but some days over the spring and summer, we have a dedicated instructor - please check the website. Anyone wishing to fly should place his or her name on the flying list upon arrival at the launchpoint. The same rule also applies to all club members. Flights are then taken in flying list order. In other words 'first come first served'. Please seek assistance from a club member if you need help with this.
- ⇒ **Waiting time.** We are a club; run on a purely voluntary basis by its members and we have no paid airfield staff. Therefore we ask you to please be patient if waiting times are sometimes long. If you are under a time constraint, please mention this to the Launch Point Controller. However, we cannot guarantee an early flight, and we apologise now if you have to wait a while.
- ⇒ **What about the weather?** We will always do our best to fly. However, bad weather - mainly low cloud, poor visibility, consistent rain or snow may prevent this. Strong winds are often less of a problem. Bright clear days, especially following rain and a relatively cold night, can be good. On the other hand, hot hazy summer days with cloudless skies can be disappointing and may be very busy with visitors. If the weather appears to be marginal please telephone the clubhouse or launch point to check, before leaving home.
- ⇒ **What clothing?** The airfield is on the top of a small ridge and can be cold, even on bright sunny days. We advise you to bring something warm to compensate. Please wear comfortable casual clothing. Several thin layers are probably better than one thick layer.
- ⇒ **Membership form.** A membership form will need to be completed and this contains a health declaration. Please contact the club secretary in advance if you have serious health problems.
- ⇒ **Trial membership period.** During the trial membership period, you may fly as a club member at club rates and become involved with related ground activities. This membership is not transferable to another person, neither is it extendible beyond the expiry date. It is a great opportunity to sample gliding before deciding whether to join as a full member. Please ensure that a club member completes your enclosed membership card.
- ⇒ **Other information.** Chocolate bars, hot and cold drinks etc can usually be purchased from the caravan at the launch point. Please feel free to telephone the club if you need any further information. We sincerely hope that you will enjoy your time with us and any feedback about your visit would be most welcome. Please contact the secretary.
- ⇒ **Loose articles.** Due to the real risk of small loose objects obstructing the control mechanisms, we have to prohibit the use of mobile phones in flight, including their use for taking photos. Before getting in the glider, please put your mobile phone in a secure *zipped* pocket. Normally the object of a trial flight is to give you experience of taking the controls and this leaves little time for photography. If you wish to forgo this opportunity, photography is only allowed using a camera having a secure neck or wrist strap. Also all loose coins and keys must be in a zipped pocket or removed before your flight.