



Army Gliding Club  
**Wyvern**





# About the Club

**Army Gliding Club (Wyvern) AGC(W), is the largest gliding club within the Army Gliding Association (AGA).**

It provides gliding as a recognised sport and approved Adventurous Training activity to all current and retired service personnel, civil servants and civilians.

It also provides air experience flights for all those interested in finding out about the thrill of gliding.

All instruction is carried out by volunteer British Gliding Association (BGA) Instructors.

AGC(W) operates out of Upavon Airfield on the northern edge of Salisbury Plain, which is controlled by MoD Trenchard Lines.

The club has 3 twin seat aircraft; 2 are ASK-21s, the other is a DG-1000T.

<https://armyglidingclubwyvern.com/>

**07553 903739**

**(only answered during flying operations)**



# Getting to the Airfield

## Finding Us:



### Address:

Upavon Airfield, Upavon, Wiltshire, SN9 6BE  
*(Once at Upavon, follow signs for MoD Trenchard Lines)*



### Google Maps:

Search "Upavon Airfield"



### What3Words:

flashing.houseboat.reminder



**Speed limit is 20mph throughout  
the airfield**

# Getting on the Airfield

Read in conjunction with **Figure 1** on next slide

1. It is necessary to stop at MOD Trenchard Lines when you arrive: Pull into the layby, walk to the guard box and inform them that you are here for gliding with the Army Gliding Club. They will direct you to the Guard Room.
2. You will need to tell them your name (may need photo ID) and vehicle registration number. They will give you a temporary security pass and vehicle pass, then should direct you to drive over to the airfield (on the opposite side of the road) or they may ring the club to request an escort for you.
3. If given permission to proceed to the airfield unescorted, drive to the entrance to the airfield opposite MOD Trenchard Lines. The barrier should be raised for you (by the Trenchard Lines guard now behind you) and you can drive in.
4. Drive ahead between the hangars as shown in **Figure 1** at no more than 20mph, and turn on your vehicle hazard lights before you reach the end of the hangars.
5. Pause at the carpark to your right-hand-side and review the situation in front of you. See Figures 2 and 3 for what to do next.
6. **Do not drive on the grass** – it is a live airfield.





**Figure 1:**  
**Access and entry to  
Upavon Airfield**

1. Park at  
Trenchard Lines  
layby and speak  
to guard.

2. When given  
permission,  
proceed (by car)  
to airfield entrance.

3. Limit 20mph.  
Turn on hazard  
lights.

4. Pause at the  
carpark here.  
See Figure 2 or 3  
for what to do next.

Approach from  
Everleigh

Approach from  
Upavon Village

**DANGER: DO NOT  
DRIVE ONTO THE  
GRASS**



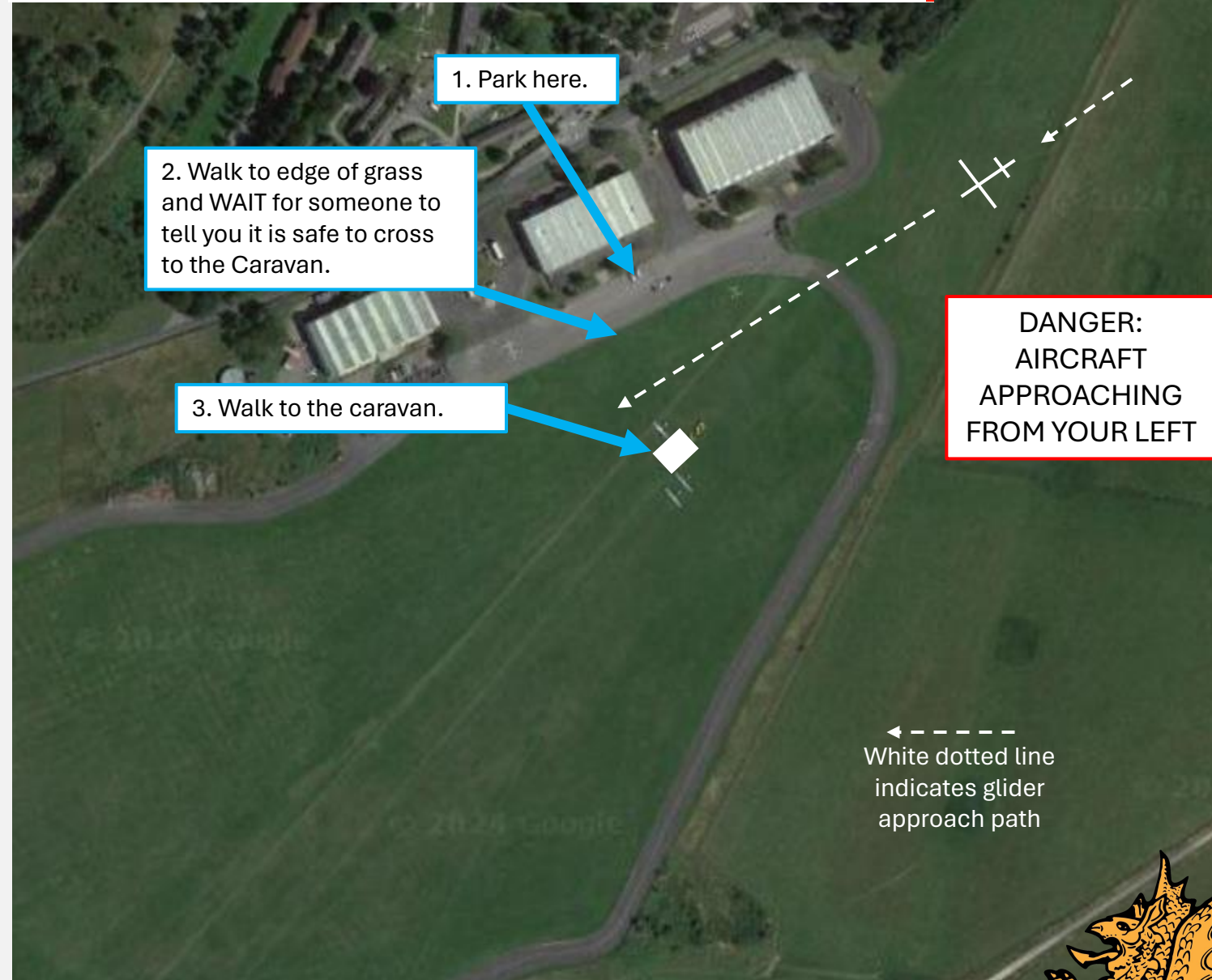


**If you see the white Launch Point Caravan in front of you, then we are launching from the North-East end of the airfield.**

1. Park your car in the marked car park.
2. Walk to the edge of the grass and WAIT.
3. Wave to get the attention of someone at the Launch Point Caravan and check with them that it is safe to cross to the Caravan. The reason for this is that gliders will be landing from your left and you may not see them so could walk into their approach path.
4. When given the signal it is safe to cross, you must walk directly and promptly to the caravan to minimise your time in the landing area.

**Figure 2:**

***If you see the Launch Point Caravan in front of you***



If you see the yellow Winch slightly to the left, at the edge of the airfield, then we are launching from the South-West end of the airfield.

1. Wait and observe the winch(es) (there may be a couple) to see whether the beacons on top are flashing.
2. If beacons are flashing, continue to wait until they stop.
3. When the beacons are not flashing, you need to turn left, and follow the tarmac perimeter track around behind the winch(es) and around the airfield as shown in **Figure 3**. Speed limit is 20 mph.
4. Drive past the Gliding Hub (buildings, hangar and trailers) and towards the South-West end of the airfield.
5. Park along the edge of the perimeter track opposite the Launch Point Caravan (there are usually members' cars here so should be obvious).
6. As per Figure 2, walk to the edge of the grass and WAIT to be given the signal it is safe to cross to the Caravan. (The reason for this is that gliders will be landing from your left and you may not see them so could walk into their approach path).
7. You must walk directly and promptly to the caravan to minimise your time in the landing area.

**Figure 3:**

***If you see the yellow Winch on the left edge of the airfield***



# General Club Information



## ID

Bring photographic identification (MOD 90, Passport, Driving License) to support gaining a temporary security pass from MOD Trenchard Lines.



## Food & Drink

There is no food available to buy at the club. Tea and coffee is available for a small charge.

Please bring your own food and drinks, picnics are very acceptable.



## Dogs

Regretfully, dogs are not allowed on the airfield unless they stay inside cars.



## Toilets

Toilets are available at the Gliding Hub.





# Flying Information



## Safety

You will be given a safety brief for your safety on the ground.

However, please ensure vigilance at all times and ask if there is anything you are unsure of. If someone shouts, it will be due to a safety concern.

It is so important to LOOK before you walk away from the launchpoint – even if you are just walking to a glider on the ground.



## Weight

Our gliders have a maximum passenger weight limit of 103kg / 228lb. This is for aircraft controllability so it is important not to exceed it; you may therefore be asked to step on the scales.

Some people (e.g. children) may be too light (min 38kg) to fly in the front seat (again for controllability) so they unfortunately will not be able to fly at all.



## Height

Some people may be too small to be secured by the aircraft harness so won't be able to fly - but do ask us to check.

Very tall (over 6'4") people may not fit under the canopy (but this depends on other anthropometrics).



## Insurance

You must not fly without completing a Temporary Membership Form as this is your insurance – please complete it.

Your details will be entered into the Glidex Logging system.



## Clothing

The weather tends to be slightly exaggerated at Upavon Airfield. So, a breeze at home could mean it is quite windy & therefore cooler at the airfield.

Layers are best and bring a waterproof / windproof jacket.

Sunglasses, suncream and sunhat may be required (you could be sat under a Perspex canopy for a while and there is little shelter on the airfield).

Trainers are fine but keep in mind if it has been raining during the day you could end up with wet feet.





# Temporary Membership & Costs

## Membership Costs:

The club offers several different types of temporary membership, as outlined below:

Temporary Membership	Duration	Cost
Military personnel (and family members)	1 month	£30.00
MoD staff	1 day	£55.00
Civilian personnel	1 day	£80.00

## What's included:

All of our temporary membership includes the following in the cost (dependent on weather):



2x Flights  
(approx.  
10mins)

OR






1x Soaring  
Flight (approx.  
20mins)

If time and weather permits, more flights will be available but will be charged at normal club launch and soaring fee rates.

## Payment Methods:

The following methods can be used to pay for your membership:

Method	Instruction
 Cash	Please bring with you on the day of your flight.
 Cheque	Make payable to 'Army Gliding Club (Wyvern)
 Card	Unfortunately, we cannot accept card payments





**We look forward to flying with you!**

