

Overview

Type: west-southwest facing, eastern training site, near Elmira, NY

Geography: countryside of farms and rolling hills

History: opened 1974 by FSF, flown continuously, formerly the site of national fun-meet Labor Day fly-ins

Launch

GPS Coordinates: 42.108199, -76.744958

Elevation: 1200' MSL (50' AGL), 1250' MSL (100' AGL), 1350' MSL (200' AGL), 1450' MSL (300' AGL)

Glide to LZ: 1:1, 2:1, 3:1, 4:1 respectively

Minimum Ratings & Skills: H2/P2 (H1/P1 w/ supervision) and FL

Best Wind direction/speed: WSW (250°), 5-12 mph (sink likely beyond 230°-270° range). Can be safely flown in smooth straight-in (240°-260°) wind to 12 mph with gusts to 15 mph, smooth 20° crossed wind to 12 mph.

Description: moderately steep grassy slope without obstructions that could cause rotor or hinder running; altitudes for lower launches are approximate as pilots can carry gliders up the slope to launch from any level

Hazards: A hedgerow at the bottom of the slope needs to be overflown

Access: off paved rural road, across landowner's lawn only with permission, 2WD accessible

Parking: alongside road unless permission granted for area immediately behind setup area, in open mowed field, space sufficient for 10+ vehicles

Setup: area immediately behind launch, in open mowed field, space sufficient for 10+ gliders

Control: property is privately owned, launch is maintained by FSF, use is regulated by FSF, subject to terms & conditions of landowner agreement, prior permission required

Landing Zone

GPS Coordinates: 42.108319, -76.751199

Description: at a distance of ¼ mile from top launch, a gently sloping 15-acre hayfield which drops off to the road on the south side, bordered by bushes and a few low trees

Hazards: field slopes down from SE to NW; landing in this direction is not recommended, SW to W being preferable

Access: paved 2-lane public roadway bordering south side of field, gated entrance in west corner

Parking: on side of road, vehicles prohibited in field, retrieval staging is accomplished near gate in west corner

Teardown: upon landing, immedately move glider from LZ to area in west corner of field

Control: property is privately owned, LZ is maintained by owner and usually planted in hay, use is regulated by FSF, subject to terms & conditions of landowner agreement

Protocol

Visiting pilots/new members must be accompanied by Board-designated LOCAL members for access, site briefing, and flight activity. In order to fly the privately-owned site, landowner Jim Kolynich must be contacted beforehand, typically accomplished by a phone call to him at (607) 732-0034, prior to any ETA commitment. Place wind indicators prior to flying.

XC Options

XC potential is negligible; no one has flown XC from here; no defined route options, waypoints or LZs for landing out have been established.

Restrictions

Do not drive up and down the hill or into the LZ without special permission. The hill is not flyable when the LZ is being mowed due to an abundance of hay bales scattered about the field.

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