

Nont Sarahs Site Guide

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OS Ref: SE 018 137 (Sheet 110) Wind: SW - SE (anticlockwise) Rating: HG:XCPC PG:CP+15hrs
(451m) Top - Bottom: 350ft (108m) NOTAM: Directions:

On the A640 between Denshaw, and Huddersfield, the site is at the junction with the B6114. Access:

Park only in the car park. Do not enter the adjacent enclosures, which have been fenced off by the National Trust to combat erosion. Rig well back and immediately to the left of the fencing leaving plenty of space for take off and landing.

Airspace:

Manchester TMA 3500ft, only 2000ft ato, (610m ato). the site has military avoidance status. Safety:

If the wind is off to the west, do not fly behind March Hill as severe turbulence can arise there. This site is definitely not for the novice, there have been a number of serious accidents at this site, the casualties usually being novices or pilots who have had a break of several months from flying. It is not a good site for that first flight of the year. Ask for advice on conditions if you are new to the site, even if you are experienced. Aeromodellers tend to keep to the east of the site.

Agree on this with those present before you fly, rather than arguing after a near miss.

Notes:

The bowl to west of the pub can be flown in south easterly winds, but landing hang gliders there is not easy. Take advice from locals before you fly. Nont Sarah's is known for wave conditions, in which you may reach controlled airspace! The top landing area is adequate, but:-

Do not approach low over the car park.

Watch out for the road and power cables.

Avoid becoming trapped behind the ditches or the road in strong winds Hang Gliders:

The principal take off is directly in front of the rigging area, behind rocks, which can cause rough air in strong winds. Find somewhere you can hold your wing steady then make a committed take off. Check that there are no paragliders lurking below the rocks in front of the take off. Bottom landing is tricky. The land slopes down to the reservoir and is too boggy and tussocky to run out a landing. The safest place to land is on the undulations above the reservoir, heading across the main slope.

Paragliders:

Paragliders must not take off part way down the slope in front of the hang glider take off area. Landing elsewhere is straightforward for paragliders, though beware of the boulders, (many hidden amongst the summer bracken). In light conditions, paraglider pilots should give consideration to hang gliders, for whom access to top land is vital; landing below the top is far safer for the paraglider than it is for the hang gliders.

Restrictions:

This site is restricted to full PENNINE and DALES members only. Please respect this rule; wardens do check for club identification.

XC Potential:

Keep below 3500ft until north of Skipton if flying due north, other directions are more problematical, check air charts.

Site records:

HG: not known

PG: Mark Day, 16.4km, ending up at Heptonstall, height gain 2000ft, 1.5h, 1997/04/01, glider: Swing Minoa

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