

# MAM TOR NW FACE

*Wind Direction:* Northwest: may be flown from west-northwest to north-northwest

*Take Off:* SK127 836 1640ft / 500m

*Landing:* SK139 850 790ft / 240m

Paragliders usually land at Mam Nick, SK124 834 /463m. It is not suitable for hang gliders.

*Airspace:* Daventry CTA at 4500', Airway Amber 2 at FL65 to the east

*Hospital:* Northern General, Sheffield

*Site Code:* 8.002

*Parking:* Cars to be parked below in Mam Nick pay and display ONLY. You may stop briefly to off load gliders at Mam Nick. For the bottom landing park carefully on the road.

*Access:* West from Castleton on A625, turn left up Winnats Pass, right at top of pass, then left to Chapel-en-le Frith. The car park is 500 yards further on the right. Ascend Mam Tor by the stepped path. For the bottom landing take the Edale road over Mam Nick, the field is half a mile past the turn for Edale village, just before some houses on the right.

*Characteristics:* This is a very popular site which may attract wave in favourable conditions. It may provide an alternative to Lords Seat when the wind is shifting in the northwesterly quarter. The ridge may be soared from Lord's Seat to Lose Hill, although the easily soarable area close to take-off can be very small. The rigging area and take-off is north of the summit path, same 50 metres beyond the summit. Top landing is difficult for hang gliders, and should be made behind the L-shaped wall. Do not go behind the second wall. If new to the site make dummy approaches first. The bottom landing in Edale Valley is a good clear field suitable for both paragliders and hang gliders. Paragliders may struggle to reach this field; an early decision to use the old landing field below Peter's Barn with the wiggle in the track should be made if in any doubt about clearing the road, river and powerlines in the bottom of the valley! Note that the wind in the valley may be more westerly than on the ridge. Paragliders can top land on the hill in lighter conditions and usually bottom land in the flat area immediately in front of the eastern end of the Lord's Seat ridge (Mam Nick) Beware of the venturi in stronger conditions!

*Safety:* This can be a very busy site in the air. There have been a number of collisions and/or near-misses at this site in recent years, any one of which could easily have resulted in fatalities. In light conditions, the easily soarable area of the bowl is too small for many pilots to soar at once. If you are flying and feel it is too busy to be safe, please go and land at Mam Nick, it is only a short walk back up. If you are waiting on takeoff and it is clearly congested, please do not add to the congestion until separation improves. It's not much fun anyway scratching in busy conditions, and it may be you that dies should you choose to continue.

There is a need to beware of members of the public in the launch area. Not suitable for novice pilots in stronger conditions, especially paragliders who would encounter severe rotor if blown back behind the hill. Stay well away from the Mam Nick venturi in stronger conditions.

*Restrictions:* Experienced hang glider pilots only for top landing, not suitable for low airtime paragliders in stronger conditions.

*Special Rules:* Avoid walking directly up the hill from the path below and causing damage to the ditch (an archaeological feature).



