

Edge Top

Location (GR):	SK 055657	Site code:	
Wind direction:	WSW to SSW	Height:	1390 (350)

Characteristics

General

This is a reasonable soaring site with a good take off and a large, though narrow, top landing. The site works best with a 16 to 18 mph wind.

If the wind is slightly off in either direction then it can be as much as 90 degrees off at the bottom. Also, there may be no wind at all at the bottom.

If you get too far back behind the road and think you can't get back to the field, then land in the heather behind the road. DO NOT use the adjacent meadow (with the trig point) for landing, as we do not have permission.

Grade of flyer

PG: CP + 10 h

HG: CP

Hazards

For hang glider pilots the only bottom landing available is located next to Hole Carr farm. For paragliding any bottom landing can be used.

The better news is that top landing is slightly easier and has been widened in recent years.

The dry stone wall bordering the site creates rotor so if landing in the heather land well back.

The site becomes extremely bumpy at wind speeds above 20 mph.

When flying in the vicinity of the old stone barn you may expect some quite large bumps.

The most southerly BL is the new bottom landing for Hang Gliders; it can be easily reached from take off. At the bottom of these two fields there is a stream that can be seen on the map.

There is a line of trees that follow this stream which will need to be cleared when landing, these are generally smallish and there is a gap of 80 ft near the top NE corner where these trees are at their lowest height. The landing is nice with a gentle upslope with little rotor/turbulence.

After de-rigging you need to head for the farm just below Hole Carr and leave your glider there unless you are feeling energetic. You can then follow the public footpath (dotted green) back to TO. The second larger map (ETopBL2) shows that you need to drive round to Hardings Booth, then W towards the Leek-Buxton road turning off just at the 394m altitude point to the farm.

This is the farm track that coincides with the dotted public footpath line.

Site rules

Parking & access

Use the gate at the SE end of the car park.

PG

Give priority to HGs trying to top land. Walking up or slope landing here is no big deal for PGs, but bottom and top landings are quite technical for HGs - SO GIVE THEM ROOM.

HG

Rig and take off at the NW end of the field, this leaves the rest free for landings. However, do not land in the extreme eastern corner - it is dangerous.

Please make sure the large metal field gate is closed after going through.

The Club pays a yearly site fee for use of this hill so no payment to the farmer is required.

XC information

On thermic days the cross-country potential is good, as there is a chain of south westerly facing ridges for several miles downwind. The current site record is just begging to be broken.

Best distance

55 km

Ceiling

FL 45. CTA Class A