

LORD'S SEAT

Wind Direction: North, may be flown northwest to northeast.

Take Off: Lower SK119 835 1610ft / 490m

Upper SK110 835 1740ft / 530m (also used for top landings)

Landing: SK112 841 1050 / 320m

Mam Nick, SK124 834 / 463m, paragliders only

Airspace: Daventry CTA at 4500' and Manchester CTA 3000'-3500' + to the west

Hospital: Northern General, Sheffield

Site Code: 8.002

Parking: Use the car park below Mam Nick ONLY (pay and display). You may stop briefly to off-load gliders at Mam Nick. For the bottom landing park in a lay-by close to the bend in the road at the north end of the landing field.

Access: West from Castleton on A625, turn left up the Winnats Pass, right at top, then left, the car park is 500 yards further on the right. Follow the footpath along the crest of the ridge.

Bottom landing: take the Barber Booth road over Mam Nick.

Characteristics: A very good soaring site, wave is often encountered here in the right conditions and there is excellent XC potential to the south. The top landing is a very large area to the rear and left of the upper take-off, and has few problems. Hang gliders beware that the bottom landing slopes down to the road. If new to the site, or you have low airtime, seek advice on the bottom landing from an experienced pilot. The steep slope in the bottom field makes it necessary to land across the slope on a hang glider. The wind is usually light in the bottom field and can be variable in direction. If the wind is very light, the best technique is to turn back up the slope and land towards the hill. Assess the wind direction carefully on your approach and observe others landing there.

Additionally, there is an alternative landing for hang gliders (over the back at Rowter Farm SK127821). There is a landing fee of £1 payable to the farmer per pilot and is a safe alternative to top landing and carrying down or bottom landing. Landings must be made at the south end of the field where there is a flat plateau. Turbulence may be present on approach to the landing, but low down it is usually smooth. When multiple pilots have landed please collect all the landing fees together and pay the farmer in one go.

Paragliders may land at Mam Nick, SK124 834 / 463m, but it is not suitable for hang gliders.

Safety: Paragliders should be aware of the spine back on the eastern side of the ridge and make sure they can penetrate here in stronger winds. Beware of hang gliders overshooting on the top take off / landing when close ridge soaring. Hang gliders may opt to land on the western edge of the ridge and carry down in stronger winds or difficult conditions.

Wave effects can create strong turbulence and rapid changes in wind strength and direction on this site.

Restrictions: Low airtime hang glider pilots beware difficult bottom landing

Special Rules: It is particularly important to ensure clearance from airspace as it can be very easy for inexperienced pilots to rapidly gain height in wave conditions.

