

Bunster Hill

Location (GR):	SK 140 515	Site code:	
Wind direction:	E, SE to SSW, W	Height:	1080 (500)

Characteristics

General

Bunster has three flyable parts. The south-facing bowl is best and is within range of many thermal sources and triggers - especially over the rocks in the nature reserve. If the upper wind has any east in it then the local topography will pull it well off to the east in the bottom landing field. However, the wind gradient will normally ensure light winds at the bottom.

There is a short, east facing spine - feasible for PGs given the right conditions.

The west side becomes very turbulent in winds above 18 mph.

'Magic lift' has been known over the landing field at the end of the day, when the trees, lining the River Manifold, release heat stored during the day.

Grade of flyer

South bowl: CP. East spine: CP. West face: CP+10 hrs

Hazards

HGs be aware that the bottom landing field has a 7:1 slope for most of its length. In little or nil wind it is advised that you land up the field.

PGs be aware that the east spine offers few options in strong wind. If you get blown back, crab to the south end and pray.

Bottom landing on the west side is limited for PGs and more so for HGs due to the steeply sloping (and small) landing field.

Site rules

Take-off and landing is not permitted in the nature reserve at the east end of the bowl

This is a National Trust site and there is a limit of 15 rigged or inflated gliders at any one time.

Parking & access

Parking is available at Home Farm (SK 135 509). Walk up past the NT centre.

Fees

£2 payable on the day to Mr Hudson at Home Farm.

XC information

The most popular XC seems to be back to Rushup Edge

25 miles directly north of here.

Best distance: ??km

Ceiling:

FL 55. CTA Class A

Bunster Hill Map

