Shining Tor

Location (GR): SJ 995737 **Site code:**

Wind direction: WNW to SW Height: 1570 (500)

Characteristics

General

Although small parts of the hill are soarable through a wide range of wind directions, the best conditions are when winds are within \pm 20 degrees of west.

There is a lone tree near the foot of the slope that generates more turbulence than its size suggests; in spite of this, it is generally smooth. However, conditions can get quite rough when the wind is off to the south and slightly rough when off to the north. The back slopes away gently and is free of obstructions, although it is boggy in places.

It is quite easy to fly to Cat's Tor (to the north) in a true westerly - 150 ft above the trig point is usually enough. Getting back is more difficult due to the relatively flat final 300m stretch approaching the Tor.

Shining Tor can suffer high compression on top that reduces markedly only a few metres out.

Grade of flyer CP

Hazards

Nothing unusual - generally this is quite a benign site. However there are a couple of things to note.

HG top landing can be tricky when the wind is off to the south, as the top landing area slopes slightly down to the southern end.

If the wind is slightly off to the south on take-off then it may be well off in the bottom landing field

The Club recommends walking up from Longclough Farm (The Club does not have an agreement with the new owners for use of the path way to the old T/O)

Site rules

Parking & access

Parking for the south end is at the side of the road. Although there are no specific parking restrictions the police attitude is ambivalent. Occasionally they have purges on tax disks and tyres, but they tacitly acknowledge our traffic calming effect on the Cafe Racers. Even so, park as far off the road as you can or better still at the car park by Long Clough Farm.

Parking at Longclough Farm is no problem, make sure you park to the right of the track.

Ceiling

Midweek: 3000 to 3500 ft ASL. CTA Class D

All times: 3500 ft ASL. TMA Class A

Shining Tor (map)

