

DALE HEAD

Wind Direction: Northeast to east-southeast

Take Off: SK 096 838 1570ft / 480m

Landing: SK 104846 860ft/277m
Field runs east / west, just north of tunnel entrance
There is a clear 250 yards from the power lines to land
Very slight gradient from west to east

NO SLOPE LANDING ALLOWED

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

Hospital: Northern General, Sheffield

Site Code: none

Parking: There is limited parking on the A625 2 miles from the junction with the A6.

Reference: SK 093 825.

Access: No direct approach can be made from the valley below via Dale Head Farm. The usual approach is from the parking place on the A625 via a bridleway to Chapel Gate. At the hilltop turn north until the track begins to descend, then follow a vague path along the rim to take off. Alternatively approach from Edale via Barber Booth and the Chapel Gate track which runs through the Lords Seat bottom landing field, (this is longer, with more uphill).

Characteristics: This is generally a good safe site with a nice friendly flat, soft top landing. Dale Head can often be flown when it would be too windy to fly Mam Tor. It is a good site for low airtime pilots who can soar confidently. XC potential is very limited because of airspace restrictions and no progress can be made downwind beyond Whaley Bridge. However, it is excellent for 'training hops' back to Chinley Churn.

Safety: Beware of rotor in the gulley south of take-off when the wind is off to the south.

Restrictions: No Access from Dale Head Farm. Only top land or bottom land in the designated field; no slope landings are permitted, as there is an important Nature Reserve with very restricted access in the valley immediately below.

Special Rules: Do not fly this site unless you are absolutely sure that the conditions and your ability will allow you to either stay up or land in the designated field. This site may be shared with model aircraft.

