

Back of Ecton

Location (GR):	SK 101 581	Site code:	
Wind direction:	NE	Height:	1176 (250)

Characteristics

General

The site is suitable for both HG and Paragliders. The bottom landing field for PGs slopes away very steeply, and suffers from turbulence in strong winds. This site is particularly thermic and has good XC potential, as it is well clear of Manchester TMA. There is a good top landing 100 m SW of take off.

Grade of flyer: CP

Hazards

There are stonewalls, barbed wire, power lines and high hedgerows all around this site and close to the bottom landings.

Site rules

Parking & access

The Club has negotiated continued use of Ecton Hill with the new owner Mr Rush but flying is done there on a constant probationary basis so care must be taken to adhere to the rules and restrictions for this site or it will be lost.

The following restrictions and rules are now in place:

1. No cars are to be parked anywhere on the track/lane or edge of.
2. Parking space for 3 vehicles at Broad Ecton Farm, first farm on the right after the brow of the hill. If there are already 3 vehicles there then find another site to fly.
3. Peak Club membership card is to be placed in full view in car.
4. All flyers must carry their BHPA Membership and insurance docs with them.
5. Maximum of four flying at any one time, if that level is reached then find somewhere else to fly.
6. The area north of the trig point is a SSI area and is OUT OF BOUNDS.
7. No training is to be undertaken on this site.

General

The bottom landing field is closed for periods in the summer due to silaging. If you intend to land there, check with Mr Prince first.

There are a number of horses located near the site that are regularly ridden along the road below take off. Horses are particularly nervous so, if there are any out, either do not take off or stay as far away as possible.

Ceiling

FL 45. CTA Class A

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