

Midland Gliding Club
on the Long Mynd

Residential Courses 2021

more than just learning to fly

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Are you looking to learn to glide, master a new flying skill, gain a gliding qualification or try something different?

If you are, gliding on the Long Mynd at the Midland Gliding Club is an excellent choice. It is a wonderfully welcoming club and a stunningly beautiful place to have a brilliant holiday.

Our qualified instructors will ensure that you fly as much as possible using gliders, a simulator and a motor glider. You will find our unique site offers all types of soaring; ridge, thermal and wave.

Our warm and friendly clubhouse has a central dining area with great food from our professional catering team, a comfortable bar, quiet spaces and comfortable affordable accommodation.

A young woman with light brown hair, wearing a black and grey gliding harness, stands on a green grassy field. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. In the background, the white wing of a glider is visible, with the registration number 'G-DCKR' written in blue. The sky is a pale, overcast grey.

Above all, you will discover the Long Mynd, set within the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, one of England's most beautiful hills with stunning views across Shropshire, the Marches and to the mountains of Wales. Some say it is what 'unspoiled' really means.

Spreading your wings - the course

We appreciate that everyone has different requirements. Our instructors will tailor a flying program designed to give you the best chance of making progress during your stay with us.

Our courses are for pilots and prospective pilots of all levels; from those looking for a different holiday experience with some flying included, through to those with specific flying goals in mind.

Over the decades, the ratio between the number of students to instructors has changed. There is a balance between the ability to progress, the amount of flying, running the airfield and the price. By the 1990s, we had four students to each instructor. This year, we are trialing courses with a maximum student to instructor ratio of 3:1. So you can now choose the ratio of 3:1 or 4:1 that you want. It is up to you.

To speed your progress we use a combination of:

- Daily briefings, outlining the plan for the day
- Ground School, to cover essential theory
- Simulator, to lay the foundations of a new skill or to practice flying a task
- Gliders and Motor Glider, to perfect skills and bring them all together in the air.



Gliders and launching

Most flying instruction is in our K13 and K21 two-seat training aircraft; we believe they are the best training gliders.

Once you have gone solo, you can progress to our K8, K23 and Junior single-seat gliders.

We normally winch launch using Skylaunch or Knox main winches. To achieve the maximum number of launches, we use a retrieve winch, to return the launch cable to the launch point, ready for the next glider.

We are one of the few gliding sites where bungee launching takes place. Whenever the conditions are suitable, and we have an appropriate ground crew, we can use this traditional way of getting airborne.



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A typical day ...

... starts with breakfast from 8:00 am followed by the morning briefing at 9:00 and then unpacking the hanger.

We start flying as soon as practical, and after a lunch break, continues until late in the afternoon.

The flying day finishes when the hanger doors have been closed and the end of day debrief has been completed.

Once the day's flying related activities are complete, the bar is open and dinner is served.



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The Long Mynd - a great place to glide



The Long Mynd has been the home of the Midland Gliding Club from the early days of gliding. It was chosen because of its location.

The five mile long ridge facing the prevailing westerly winds is ideal for extended flight times when thermals do not oblige. Many experienced pilots travel considerable distances to fly on our ridge.

Wave lift, enabling flights to great altitudes, is common. The first recorded wave flight in a glider was from the Mynd in 1937. As a hill site, flying at the Mynd is a different experience from flying at a flat site.

From all over the country, a large proportion of our members travel past other clubs on their journey to the MGC. The Long Mynd is a unique gliding destination.



Comfortable accommodation

The Club has a range of onsite accommodation to meet all requirements from the on-suite and private rooms to bunk rooms. If you prefer, you can bring your caravan, motor home or tent. Alternatively, we can recommend a local B&B, public house or hotel.



Food to savour

Prepared with love, the food offered by our catering team goes from simple to a menu you would expect in a gastro pub bringing your taste buds alive. Could you eat the legendary Long Mynd Breakfast? We aim to cater for all diets, so if you have any special requirements, please let us know with an email to: catering@midlandgliding.club

Local Attractions

There is a vast range of things to do from archery and horse riding to walking. There are also historic castles, houses, medieval towns, the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford and the Ironbridge Gorge Museum, a UNESCO world heritage site, to explore. Take a look at the following links to explore the options.

www.shropshiretourism.co.uk

www.visitshropshirehills.co.uk

www.rafmuseum.org.uk/cosford

www.ironbridge.org.uk



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