Gliding Courses at Midland Gliding Club

Joining Instructions

Welcome to the Midland Gliding Club, we hope you have a comfortable and enjoyable gliding course with us.

Below is an indication of what you can expect during your course.

Briefing  
The course will start at 9.30am with a briefing. This will cover various aspects of the airfield operation and is tailored to the least experienced of the group

Preparing the Aircraft  
On a normal day the hangar is unpacked, gliders checked, known as the Daily Inspection (DI), and the airfield set up for flying.  Gliders are towed or pushed out the launch point ready for the first flight.

When Do We Start?  
We are normally flying by 10.30am, depending upon the field layout and the weather.

When Do We Get a Break?  
There will be a break for lunch, nominally around 1.00pm and the course will finish around 4 pm, though you are welcome to stay on and help out on the airfield and packing the hangar. You can take advantage of the catering to purchase hot or cold drinks throughout the day.

Can I Arrive Before the Course Starts?  
If you intend to arrive the evening before the course we will stay up (within reason) to welcome you.

What Do I Do About Food?  
Food is available from the on-site caterers from breakfast to the evening meal.

If you have any special dietary requirements or allergies, please let us know in advance.

A sample menu is available [(here)](https://www.midlandgliding.club/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/MGC_example_menu_2021.pdf).

The caterers do not currently take payment by credit card or debit cards. All payment for food is by cash only. Please make sure you have cash with you. The nearest ATM is at the Coop in Church Stretton.

The caterers can be contacted on 01588 650206, option 3 or by email at catering@midlandgliding.club.

What Should I Wear?  
Remember we are on top of a hill 1450 feet above sea level and it can be cold even in the middle of summer. Please bring appropriate clothing and sturdy footwear, a brimless hat, sunglasses, and a supply of face coverings.

What we would like to know before you arrive

* Your previous flying experience
* If you plan to arrive the evening before and if you do, whether you will need a meal

Thank you for choosing Midland Gliding Club for your gliding experience. Please let us know if we can do anything better. I hope you will have the best time on the Long Mynd and will return to fly with us again. Ask in the office about our membership costs and course discounts for members, should you choose to do another course with MGC in the future.

**Jon Hall**  
Chairman  
Midland Gliding Club