

Midland Gliding Club
on the Long Mynd

Gliding Courses 2024

Fly the Mynd



more than just learning to fly

Do you want to learn to glide, master a new flying skill, gain a gliding qualification ... or just try something different?

If you do, gliding at the Midland Gliding Club is an excellent choice. It is a stunningly beautiful place to have a brilliant holiday.

Our instructors ensure you fly as much as possible using gliders, a simulator and a motor glider. Our unique site offers ridge, thermal and wave soaring.



We have a central dining area with great food from our professional catering team, a quirky bar, quiet spaces and comfortable affordable accommodation.

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 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.

We offer three types of course...

Standard: Our standard course offers a 4:1 student to instructor ratio

Premium: Our premium course offers a 3:1 student to instructor ratio

Solo: This course is for solo pilots who want to use the week to fly alone (aside from a couple of check flights at the start of the week), to hone their skills or just for the sheer pleasure of it. To qualify for this course, you will need a Bronze C badge, or at least twenty solo flights from the Mynd in the two years prior to the course.

[Course dates may be found on the club website.](#)

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.
- All members will be involved in field operations as part of their training.
- The club is a Junior Gliding Centre, recognised and accredited by the British Gliding Association, our sporting body.
- We recommend that all courses are joined on Sunday afternoon for pre-briefing.



Gliders and launching



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



Once you have gone solo, you can progress to our K8, K23 or 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 can also make use of our Falke motorglider to maximise stick time while training.

Like commercial aviation, simulators are now an essential part of training. We have an excellent simulator for training at all levels, including site familiarisation and specific skills and tasks.



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A typical day ...

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

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

The flying day finishes when the hangar doors are closed and the end of day debrief is complete.

When the weather doesn't play ball we use our lecture facilities for ground briefings and our simulator for extended stick time.

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



or email office@midlandgliding.club

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 en-suite private rooms to bunk rooms. If you prefer you may bring a caravan, motor home or tent. Alternatively you may prefer to stay in a local B&B, public house or hotel.



Food to savour - and local attractions

Prepared with love, the food offered by our catering team ranges from simple to a menu you might find in a gastro pub. Could you manage the legendary Long Mynd Breakfast?

We cater for all diets, so if you have any special requirements, please let us know with an email to

catering@midlandgliding.club

There is a vast range of things to do apart from gliding, from archery and horse riding to walking the Shropshire Hills. There are historic castles, houses, medieval towns, the Royal Air Force Museum at Cosford, and the Ironbridge Gorge Museum, a UNESCO world heritage site. Take a look at these links to discover more:

shropshiretourism.co.uk

visitshropshirehills.co.uk

rafmuseum.org.uk/cosford

ironbridge.org.uk



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