



MIDLAND GLIDING CLUB

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Learn or Convert to Gliding
2025
More than just learning to fly ...

YOUR GLIDING JOURNEY

at Midland Gliding Club



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Looking for a one-off experience?

then try a First Flight

If you are looking for a gliding experience, whether for yourself or as a gift for a friend, then our **First Flights** are for you.

You get:

- ☑ A comprehensive pre-flight briefing
- ☑ Approximately 20 minutes flight time or two launches, depending on the conditions on the day, with an experienced pilot
- ☑ Access to all the club's facilities
- ☑ After your First Flight, you can upgrade to our Introductory Membership package at a discounted rate if you'd like to continue learning to glide with us. Just pay the difference if upgrading within 14 days of your First Flight

Availability:

Weekends throughout the year
and Monday-Friday by arrangement.

See the club website for current price details:

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To Start Your Gliding Journey

Considering taking up gliding?

you need an Introduction to Gliding and Membership

If you are considering taking up gliding and would like an easy way to experience what gliding and the Midland Gliding Club is all about, this one day course is the ideal choice.

You get a full one-day gliding course including: -

- ☑ Introduction to the club
- ☑ Comprehensive safety, ground and pre-flight briefings
- ☑ All flying instruction
- ☑ Tuition on ground-based tasks to launch and retrieve gliders
- ☑ Flying, launch and glider hire fees for the duration of your course
- ☑ Experienced Instructor
- ☑ Gliding Logbook and Progress Card
- ☑ After your Introductory course, you can upgrade to our Introductory Membership package at a discounted rate if you'd like to continue learning to glide with us. Just pay the difference if upgrading within 14 days of your Intro course

Availability:

Throughout the year but Introductory Courses take place as soon as possible on a mutually agreed day (which can be a weekend or sometimes week days)

Price:

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Upgrade:

You can upgrade from your Introductory Course to full Introductory Membership by paying the difference within fourteen days of your course.



Decided to learn to glide?

sign up for Introductory Membership

If you have decided to take up the exhilarating sport of gliding, this is the best choice for you. It provides a one-day Introduction to Gliding and Membership course and a full year's membership.

You get:

- ☑ The same one-day course as Introduction to Gliding & Membership
- ☑ A full year, 12 months, associate membership
- ☑ 5 hours inclusive glider flying time
- ☑ 30 minutes inclusive motor glider time to practise and perfect your stick and rudder skills
- ☑ Associate member discounts on weekday professionally led courses
- ☑ All other fees are at the prevailing membership rates. You will pay for winch launches, at the current rate
- ☑ After your Introductory Membership, membership and fees are at the prevailing rates

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Legal Stuff:

The full-terms and conditions are available on request

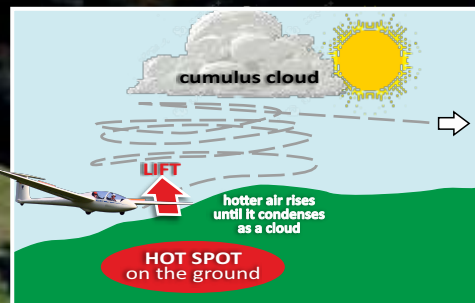


How do they fly without an engine?

Questions?

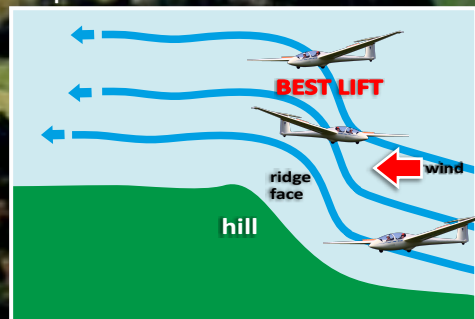
Thermal Soaring

Gliders can cover large distances by climbing in thermals and gliding to the next source of lift



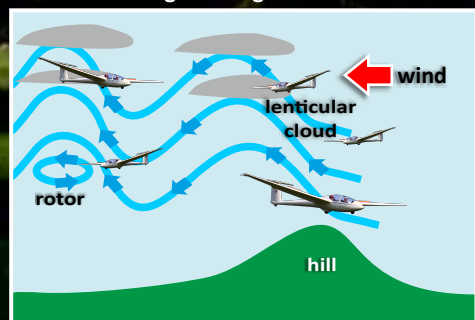
Hill Soaring

Wind against a hill or ridge can produce strong and persistent lift



Wave Soaring

A strong wind in a constant direction deflected by a hill moves in a wave pattern that can be used to soar to great heights



Q Can anyone have a go?

A Normally you have to be at least 12 but there is no upper limit as long as you can get in and out of the glider. Young people under 18 should be accompanied by a responsible adult. You should be under 1.9m (6'3") tall and weigh between 50kg (112 lbs) and 102kg (224 lbs).

Q What kind of weather do I need?

A We can fly most of the year round and in most conditions except extremely strong winds, rain, or snow. The ideal day is a clear blue summer sky filled with white cauliflower clouds called cumulus. We cannot however fly after dark.

Q What should I wear?

A Casual outdoor clothes are best - trousers with flat shoes or boots, and a jacket is always a good idea. Sunglasses make it easier to see and in the summer you will need a sun hat, but not a baseball cap. It is easy to get burnt on the Long Mynd so always bring sun block.

Q Is it safe?

A Like any other adventure sport, gliding involves a certain amount of risk. We work hard to minimise risk and place the very highest priority on safety. You will be given a full safety briefing on arrival and all our instructors and passenger carrying pilots are endorsed by the British Gliding Association.

Q Great, how do I book?

A To find out more and to reserve your space on the package of your choice, go to our website at midlandgliding.club, but if you have questions you can email office@midlandgliding.club or call 01588 650206

