

Captain Cooks SW - WSW

CAPTAIN COOK'S MONUMENT *Direction:* SW - WSW

Site code: 11.053 *Location:* NZ 587104 to NZ 592098 Emergency 3 words difficult.walks.jotting (take off)

Access:

From Great Ayton follow signs for station **TS9 6HR** .Stay on this road for 1.3m till you reach Gribdale Gate car park. After parking, walk through the gate to the right along the Cleveland Way, uphill approximately 3/4 mile to the top of the hill. Alternative access for hang gliders is available from the east via a forestry road. It is a longer walk but flat (and good for a trolley).

Height: 1064ft (320m) AMSL. Face approximately 600ft.

Length: Approx 600yds.

Description: An inland site with a convex face. The ridge begins as gently sloping farmland rising for the last 300 feet as steep grass and bracken covered slope with some rocky outcrops. The edge is broken by quarrying.

Suitability: Suitable for all levels of pilot after initial training, but be aware of points in comments section below.

SITEULES:

There are no specific rules relating to this site. Just remember to follow the country code, fly sensibly and keep a look out for members of the public.

Take-off: In front or to the right of the monument, anywhere into wind. Avoid the quarry due to turbulence. Look out for people on the path before launch.

Landings: Top: Almost anywhere. Avoid the stone wall at the west end of the ridge, and of course the monument. The quarry areas can generate rotor. The monument itself can generate some turbulence for a considerable distance downwind. Avoid passing behind it on landing.

Bottom: **Marked in red** .A cross-wind landing on lower moor-land can be carried out, where recovery is easier. Care is required here as the ground is quite broken. Take some time to identify the **POWER LINES BEFORE** taking off. In light buoyant conditions it is possible to fly back to the car park on a paraglider. Beware of turbulence from trees if there is any significant wind.

Landowners: Stokesley Parish Council. There is no formal agreement for flying to take place although the site has been in use for many years.

Comments: Despite its convex face this ridge has a wide lift band which can be exploited with a modern glider. This site is an excellent thermal generator. Expect turbulence when the wind is crossed from the south. Inexperienced pilots may find it difficult to scratch due to rocky outcrops on the face. Keep a sharp look out for MODEL AIRCRAFT who regularly use this site. Collisions between them and Paragliders have already been experienced and a mid air could result in very serious injuries.

