

Model Ridge N Compulsory Club Members Only Site

Model Ridge / Busby Moor

Location: NZ 523033 to NZ 529034 Post code TS9 7JH Emergency 3 word truffles.soap.static (front of model)

Site code: 11.018 **Wind Direction :** North

PLEASE TRY AND USE CAFÉ WHEN EVER POSSIBLE when parking at lord stones

Access: Off the Carlton to Chop Gate road, in the 'Lord Stones' cafe car park. Try and use overflow car park at all times, or park in layby on road away from cafe. Note that the car park entrance is barred and locked in the evening so park beside the road if there is a possibility of a long XC flight.

Height: 950ft (290m) AMSL. Face approx. 500ft.

Length: 700 yds. But in soar-able conditions it is usually possible to fly along to Cringle Moor (1 mile), and often to Hasty Bank (3 miles). From Hasty Bank access can be gained to Ingleby Bowl, though returning from there can be difficult.

Description: Inland site. Almost straight ridge with steep grass and bracken covered slope.

Suitability: Experienced fliers with soaring ability, since top landings are required. An excellent proven cross country site.

SITERULES:

Please read these carefully, in conjunction with the attached map before flying the site.

1. Flying at the site is restricted to Club Members Only, with BHPA membership.

2. There is no access to the edge for motor vehicles.

3. Avoid bottom landings in the fields at the foot of the ridge, as the club has no permission for landings there. Access is also difficult; it's a long walk out!

See section headed landings for further advice.

4. After landing, all gliders are to be removed from the landing area and hang gliders parked at the west end of the ridge to keep the landing space free.

5. Paragliders should take off from the east end of the ridge, to avoid the risk of being blown back into the landing or rigging areas.

6. When launching or flying do not linger for long periods in front of the top landing area. Watch out for gliders on landing approach.

7. All dogs are to be kept on a lead.

8. No bonfires are permitted.

9. Flying of model aircraft is allowed, with the permission of the landowner. Model aircraft flyers should comply with a code of conduct devised by the Model Flying Association. Any problems, report the incident to a NYSC Committee member.

10. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** On very busy days this site may be subject to timed interval arrangements to split flying between hang gliders and paragliders. See section 7.10 of the introduction to this site guide for details. If the scheme is in operation please co-operate fully.

Take-off: Possible anywhere along ridge, but to assist with a safe mix of flying and encourage predictable behaviour hang gliders launch from western end, paragliders towards eastern end. It is a busy site; remember to check above and behind before launch, with assistance if necessary.

Landings: Bottom: To be avoided except in an emergency. If you think there is a likelihood that you will bottom land then DO NOT FLY.

Landing Field. If forced to bottom land, choose a field which is free of crops, hay and livestock. Remain polite and friendly towards landowners at all times. Retrieval is possible along a path which runs diagonally across the NW face of Cringle Moor near some shale outcrops. If unable to top land it may still be possible to land at the bottom of Cringle Moor near the scout hut (especially on a hang glider) where car access is possible for retrieval. It is possible to bottom land between the farmland and the hillside (hang gliders do not often attempt it now) but beware - the bracken is about 5' deep and can take some time to get back to the top!

Top: Top landings are safe over a wide area of the moor. Expect dead air if landing well back, so keep plenty of speed on. The strip between the hang gliding rigging area across to coppice is the designated landing area. Keep your landings in this strip if more than one or two other pilots are present. All launching and flying pilots will then know where to expect any overshoots.

Comments: The site can be turbulent below the ridge level when the wind is not directly on the ridge.

General

warning.

As this location is close to large housing areas and is only a short easy stroll from the car park at the café it attracts many spectators, especially at weekends and Bank holidays. Many people are curious and may not be aware of the speed at which a paraglider can be blown back towards them or may not have seen a landing hang glider above them. Always be aware that young and very old spectators may not have seen or heard you, shout a clear warning, eg. "landing!" or if necessary land well away and walk back to the front. Please ensure that they keep well clear of the take-off and landing areas and obey the above rules, which apply to them as well. In strong or gusty conditions ensure that spectators, especially children and older people do not stand too close or behind a paraglider before a take-off. Use a look out or shout a warning just prior to launch and landing. If contacting the emergency services to report an accident at Model Ridge, Use postcode TS9 7JH or the emergency 3 words truffles.soap.static

