

Eggardon Hill RC Gliding Opportunity

Over 25 years ago, there used to be a lot of RC Slope Soaring conducted on the superb SW facing bowl known as Eggardon Hill situated approximately halfway between Bridport and Maiden Newton. In those days the liaison & administration between the flyers and the landowner was effected by the main local RC flying club which had a healthy gliding membership, The Marquis Flying Club, and you needed to be a member of that club to use the fields on the slope.

Then around about 1995, with the change of farm ownership, the new landowner decided to remove private access gates to the fields and remove permission to fly from his land. Since then there has been no official access to the land immediately on and adjacent to the hillside.

After recent talks between the land owner, farm manager and tenant farmers, Phil Parmiter (Chesil MFC President) was given access to Eggardon Hill main bowl.

In addition, subject to certain conditions & controls (see later), Phil was also granted permission to extend this access to other responsible & insured RC flyers for the purposes RC slope soaring --- it being assumed (initially at least) that these are members of a recognised local model flying club.

So, Phil has offered the access to Chesil and Eagles model flying club members as well. This is on the assumption that, by doing so this, all fliers would be a member of the BMFA and have relevant insurance.

All members of these clubs have been supplied with club membership cards and everyone who flies from the slope must have their membership card with them to be able to demonstrate proof of club membership.

Each participating club has a club member 'Representative' responsible for gliding at this site as a point of contact for the Farm manager. At the moment, the Chesil & Eagles gliding Rep. is Richard Frost.

If there are any questions please contact Phil Parmiter 07896 266433 or Richard Frost 07711 450308

Conditions for using the fields on Eggardon Hill

for RC Slope soaring

There are certain requests from the farm manager to allow us access to the fields. These shall be considered as "Rules" which must be complied with if you are to enjoy use of the site.

1. All fliers using this slope must carry their club membership card with them at all times. If you do not have a membership card please contact your club membership secretary.

(NO VALID MEMBERSHIP CARD, NO FLYING!)

2. No climbing of the fences to gain access to the slope. ***This could immediately remove our permission to gain access to the slope. Or at least the removal of access to the individual person involved.***

3. Make sure gates are closed after gaining entrance/exit. The main access point to the fields is the gate at grid ref Lat: N 50.74311 Long W 2.64706 (or OS SY 544 939)--- See also attached photos.

4. Leave no litter.

5. Do not chase the sheep, the tenant farmer is happy for us to fly on the slope with sheep in the field as they will amble off away from fliers.

6. No Dogs allowed.

7. No vehicles allowed in the fields.

8. The farm manger has shooting taking place in the valley. If you land beyond the immediate slope ***you must not try to retrieve your model yourself***, but contact your club gliding representative who will inform the farm manager who will collect the plane at his convenience and hold it for collection.

9. Collection of your model from this slope is fine, but at your own risk.

10. The farm takes no responsibility for injury associated with gaining access to the slope and model flying.

11. If you intend to fly when the wind is from the NW direction and enter the fields through the access point, do not walk south west beyond the field boundary with the water trough (shown in photos attached).

Note: Original (1980's) Access gates will not be reinstated and the only access point will be through the gate on the middle of the bowl (see photos attached).



Google's Earth satellite picture of the bowl. Orange line indicates approx extent of ridge line of the slope available in the fields afforded by the new access.

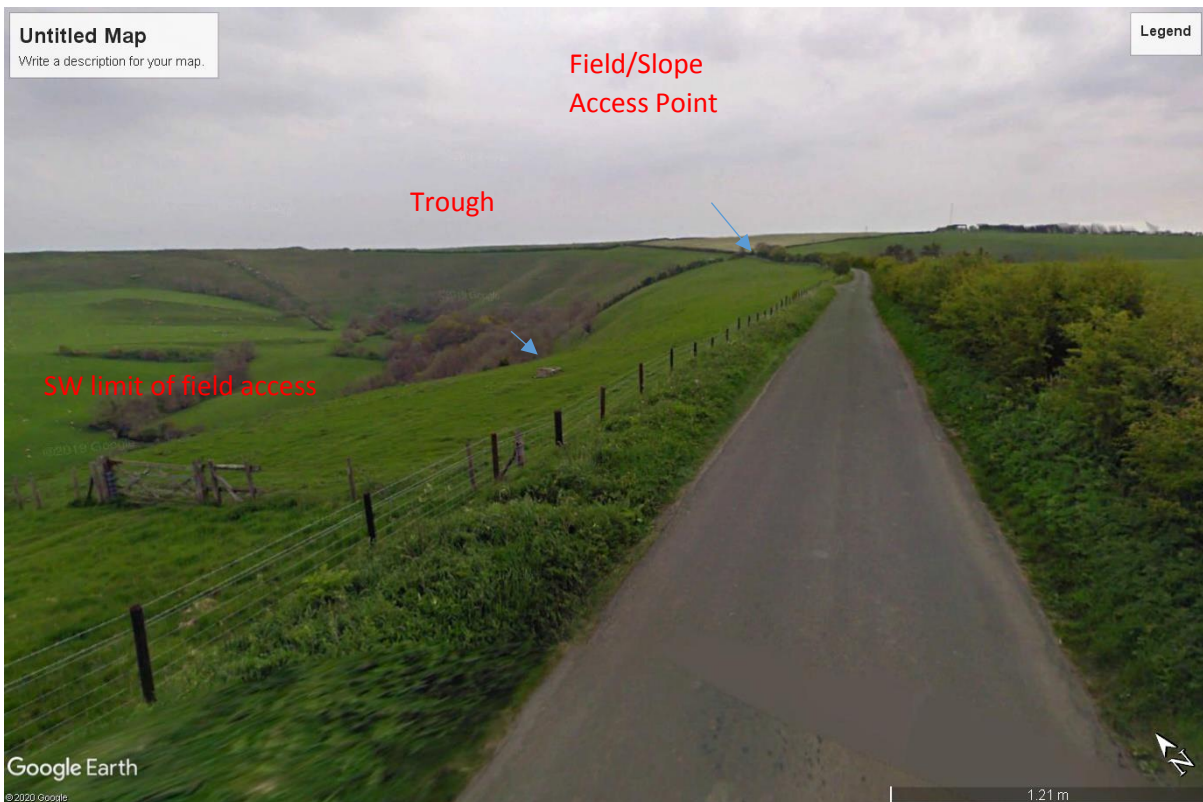


Single access point to the fields & Slope. Gate at:- Lat N 50.74311 Long W 2.64706 (OS SY544939)
This is the road that comes up from the Spyway Inn.



Position of the original (in the early 1980's) access point which will not be re-instated.

Do not climb over the fence!!!!!! (here or anywhere on the site).



View (ENE) of the road alongside the NNW facing slope up towards the proposed access point. Note trough and fence (with gate) indicating the SW limit of field access. This is the road that comes up from the Spyway Inn.



View looking N towards the Hillfort alongside the west facing slope.