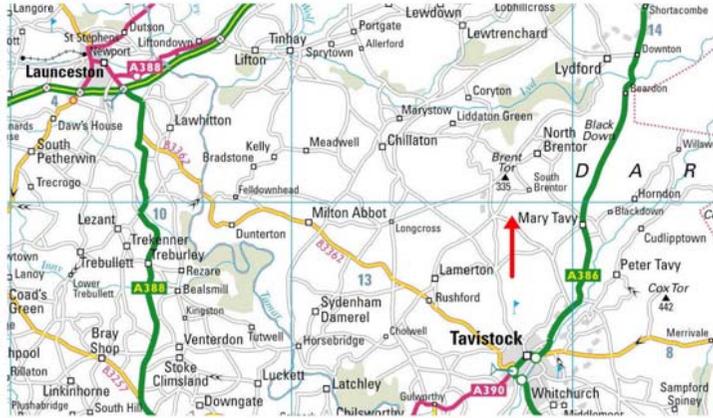


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Why not come and fly with the Dartmoor Gliding Society at Brentor Airfield, surely one of the most scenic gliding sites in the country? With terrific views of Dartmoor away to the east, it nestles on the edge of the national park three miles north of Tavistock, just off the road leading towards Lydford Gorge.

The Dartmoor Gliding Society began flying at Brentor in 1984. We fly all year round using reliable two-seat training aircraft. Getting started could not be easier: just give us a call and we will arrange everything from a trial lesson to group events. Gift vouchers are valid for a year and make great presents. First flights include three-months membership, which means when the bug bites you can fly with us again and again.



All training flights are made with instructors qualified by the British Gliding Association. They will take you from the first trial lesson and on through a carefully structured training programme designed to make you a safe and competent pilot. It usually takes about eighty flights before a student is able to fly a glider solo for the first time. No pilot can ever forget that day - it is enough of a thrill to stay in the mind forever!

But the learning process need not stop there; Brentor is an ideal place to learn soaring techniques. The pilots who master them are able to take-off in the club's single-seat gliders to go drifting over the countryside. Climbing in a thermal, you can see south beyond Plymouth and north to the Bristol Channel, whilst spread out beneath is the patchwork of Dartmoor.



For those with a sense of adventure there is always the urge to go further. Pilots flying across country may be airborne four or five hours whilst they navigate their glider over many miles. Usually they return to Brentor, but sometimes they decide to land at another airfield. Occasionally, at the end of the day when the lift begins to ebb, the pilot has no choice but to select a suitable looking field and commence the landing approach. This is what they are trained to do.

Even as the glider rumbles to a halt the adventure is not over. Having made the aircraft secure, the landowner must be found to make amends for landing in his field, and then there is the all important call back to Brentor to tell them where you are. Only then is their time to reflect on events of the day as you settle down in the gathering dusk to wait for the retrieve crew.