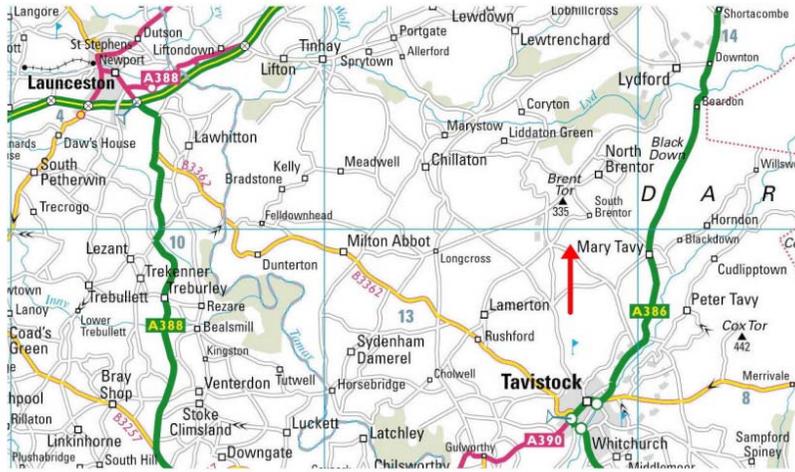


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Brentor Airfield is 3 miles north of Tavistock



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GLIDING IS FUN! TRY AN **INTRODUCTORY COURSE**

The Dartmoor Gliding Society flies from Brentor Airfield near Tavistock. As an affiliated member of the British Gliding Association, it provides pilot training from an initial trial lesson to the completion of the Glider Pilot's Licence – equivalent to a Bronze C badge.



The aim of the Introductory Course is to give participants a better understanding of gliding than they would get from a single trial lesson. The idea is to encourage them to continue training and go on to fly solo.

At the end of the course students receive a training record card and completion certificate.



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Content

The intention is to complete the course in a single day, although occasionally weather constraints may mean a return visit is required.

The modules will provide sufficient knowledge for the participant to have a good understanding of flying techniques and the routine operation of a gliding airfield. Six flights will be made in a two-seat training aircraft with an instructor qualified by the British Gliding Association. Prior to the first, the student will receive a pre-flight briefing that includes an explanation of safety features and pre-take off checks. During the first flight the effects of control surfaces – elevator, aileron and rudder, will be demonstrated with the student ‘following through’ on the dual controls. Subsequent flights will involve the co-ordination of turns and flying the glider properly ‘trimmed’. There will also be an opportunity to study approach and landing techniques.

Between flights there will be briefings on airfield procedures and demonstrations of glider launching and retrieving.

Timetable

To complete all the modules within a day it is important to make a prompt start and a typical routine would be as follows:-

- 0930 Meet the Chief Flying Instructor and club mentor
- 0945 Briefing on domestic arrangements and complete paperwork
- 1000 Briefing on ground tasks (Coffee)
- 1030 Briefing on flight tasks
- 1100 Three training flights
- 1230 Lunch break
- 1330 Log keeping and signalling
- 1400 Launch and recovery procedures
- 1430 Cable retrieve procedures
- 1500 Demonstration of winch driving
- 1530 Three training flights
- 1700 Debrief (Tea)



Requirements

Gliding is a fun sport that can be enjoyed by almost anyone, but participants are required to declare they have no medical condition that would preclude them from flying.

Courses are run throughout the year, so weather conditions can vary. It is advisable to bring a fleece or sweater and to wear stout shoes – but not heavy boots!

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided in the clubhouse but participants should bring a packed lunch.

Booking

To book an Introductory Course or request further information, contact info@dartmoorgliding.co.uk or phone 01752 700017 (evenings).

Completion of the course entitles the participant to a substantial discount if they sign up for a ‘Fixed Price to Solo’ training course at Brentor within the ten days following.

Pre-course training material is available on the Dartmoor Gliding Society website www.dartmoorgliding.co.uk