

Guidance for Visitors to Aston Down

Visitors to the club are welcome but you should be aware that airfields can be dangerous places for the unwary. Please take time to read these instructions and if you are unsure about anything then please ask.

1. Do not walk or drive in front of any aircraft or glider landing or taking off. Keep a good lookout at all times as aircraft may land on any part of the airfield from any direction. One committed to land, gliders may be unable to avoid you!
2. Keep children and dogs under close supervision at all times.
3. Do not approach the propellers of powered aircraft even when the aircraft engine is stationary.
4. Visitors are forbidden to use any of the clubs mechanical equipment.
5. When travelling around the airfield, keep strictly to the airfield perimeter track as shown on the attached map, and observe the 30mph speed limit. When at the launch point, speak to a club member who will be able to answer your questions. If you have come for a trial lesson the duty instructor will arrange this for you.
6. Do not walk or drive on the runways. They may have cables travelling at up to 60mph!
7. Most motor insurance policies do not cover damage to vehicles when on an airfield. Visitors should be very careful when driving as the club cannot accept responsibility for any accident or incident involving visitors motor vehicles.

Directions

We're easy to find, on the A419, midway between Stroud and Cirencester in Gloucestershire.

From most areas of the country, that means approaching from Junction 15 of the M4 south-east of Swindon and then travelling via Cirencester, or from Junction 13 of the M5, via Stroud. If you are coming from the south the best way is from Junction 18 of the M4 via Nailsworth.

From Cirencester

Follow the signs for Stroud (A419). After about 6 miles you will come to a Texaco petrol station. This is the first petrol station after leaving Cirencester. Just after the petrol station is a cross roads with a small slip road on the left. Take this slip road and go straight on down a lane. This lane is sign-posted Cotswold Gliding Club and leads on to the airfield.

From Nailsworth

At the mini roundabout on the A46 in the centre of Nailsworth take the road sign-posted Minchinhampton. This is a right turn if you have come from the south. After 200m you go over a cattle grid and follow the road round to the right. Cows and horses roam Minchinhampton common. They have no road sense so take care. The road goes up a steep hill with several hairpin bends. This hill is passable with care when towing a glider trailer. At the top of the hill carry on over Minchinhampton common until you get to a T junction. There is a signpost on your right here called Tom Long's Post. Turn right and follow this road for about 3 miles until you get to another T junction where you turn right

again. You will see Aston Down Airfield on your right. Continue past the airfield and turn right at a crossroads just before a Texaco petrol station. Turn immediately right again. This lane is sign-posted Cotswold Gliding Club and leads on to the airfield.

From Stroud

Follow the signs for Cirencester (A419). As you leave Stroud you drive along a valley with a railway line on your right. After about 5 miles the road goes up a long hill. At the top of the hill you will see Aston Down airfield on your right. Continue past the airfield and turn right at a crossroads just before a Texaco petrol station. Turn immediately right again. This lane is sign-posted Cotswold Gliding Club and leads on to the airfield.

