

Guide to the status of various local Airfields and Farm Strips

This will change. It is true today as far as I know. Please tell me of any up-dates,

Airfield/Strip		Status	Comments
Badminton	19 Km S. of NYM N 51°32.95' W 002°17.83'	Open	Put landing fees in honesty box on hangar. Can tow out. Owner friendly.
Blakehill Farm	NW Swindon	Closed	Very wet. Owned by Wetlands trust. Do not use.
Bowldown Farm (Leighterton)	10 Km SSE of NYM N 51°22.62' W 002°08.82'	Open	2 narrow grass strips (not suitable for open class). Can tow out, owner friendly. Greville Vernon
Calcot	S Northleach N 51°47.50' W 001°50.00'	Private	Operator A Colburn 01451 860330. Gate key at house SW of field.
Charlton Park	NE Malmesbury N 51°36.00' W 002°05.00'	Open	Owner very friendly - Lord Suffolk 01666 822206 Gliders accepted
Chedworth	11 Km N Cirencester	Disused	Owner Jean Clarke. Only <u>very</u> small part of airfield landable (Aero-modellers' strip at NE end). Not recommended. Use Rendcomb instead.
Draycott Farm	East of Wroughton N 51°29.50' W 001°44.00'	Open	Owner very friendly (Rod Coppestone 07831 237955). Gliders accepted.
Garston Farm	NW of Colerne N 51°27.60' W 002°18.10'	Open	Friendly owner Michael Ball 01225 891284 or 07901 755 312. Within Colerne ATZ mandatory call 120.075; if no response after 3 calls continue with blind calls "Colerne Traffic".
Little Rissington	RAF airfield near Bourton on the Water	Open but landings by PPO (see below)	Call ATC on 124.1 before landing. Normally no aerotows out but ask Wing C. Latham 07771 942452—sometimes allowed if villages are not overflown. Road access SW corner now locked. Removing a glider is often impossible if the ATC aren't operating (normally weekends only).
Lotmead	E Swindon Just NW of Redlands	Open	NE/SW strip 40x700 yards, can tow out. Owned by Nympsfield pilot Norman Parry 01793 790260
Lower Upham Farm	East of Lyneham	Open	Owner very friendly - Gliders accepted Dudley Pattinson Tel 07990976393 Strips 22 meters wide. Crop at sides.
Oaksey Park	SE Kemble N 51°38.00' W 002°01.00'	Open	Aerotow OK. High landing fees. 122.77Mhz Operator Brian Austin 01666 577152 Friendly
Rendcomb	8 Km N Cirencester N 51°46.833' W 001°56.316'	Open	Owner Vic Norman. Normally no aerotows. Square grass field with hangars near middle.
Redlands	E Swindon N 51°33.00' W 001°41.00'	Open	Small, narrow microlight field. Parachuting normally only Fri, Sat & Sun. Owner Sarah Smith 07703182756 Brize 119.0 Mhz know status.
South Cerney	South of Cirencester Large round grass Army airfield	Not parachuting at present	Check with Brize 119.0 Mhz or Cerney Ops 07876701256 for parachuting activity. Can sometimes tow out. Generally unfriendly. Unlandable if grass is long as at present.
Upper Harford	W Bourton on the Water N side Cheltenham road N 51°53.28' W 001°49.00'	Open	Operated by Mike Jones 01451 821455. Can tow out but narrow when crops at sides are high.

1 Always obey all the normal field landing rules.

2 At airfields normally land on the runways and then pull the glider onto the grass. Never taxi from runway to grass as the old drains may be lethal. The grass may be full of obstructions. Never leave a glider blocking a runway or farm strip. The owner will be severely pissed off if he cannot land at his own strip!

3 Before entering the ATZ of a licensed airfield (Staverton, Kemble, Kiddlington etc) always call them. The frequencies are on the ½ million map. They will let you land "in emergency" but will charge fees.

4 PPO means Prior Permission Only, (except in an emergency). A glider landing can be classed as an emergency.

Other Parachuting sites – Hinton-in-the-Hedges Tel 01295 812300 is closed on Mondays, Chiltern Park Tel 0845 1307194 operate Weekends only, Lewknor is closed, Chalgrove have not parachuted for 15 years.

Ex RAF Airfields Abingdon, Lyneham & Wroughton have landable runways and sometimes let you tow out.