

Certification Courses

Getting started - Taster / Intro Course

The first Stage of the EP course (below)

Elementary Pilot Level (EP)

After Completing the Taster - intro day a further 4 days should bring you to Elementary Level.

At our centre you will start your training on gentle nursery slopes in the Castleton area of the Peak District National Park. You will progress through the British Hang Gliding Associations' Elementary Pilot syllabus at a rate to suit you.

Stage1: Introduction to the basic principles of flight, flight safety, Risk warning, BHPA scheme, simulator training. On site assessment, Introduction to flight equipment, demonstration. First attempts at take-off, steering, landing. Post landing control. First flights on nursery slopes. Debrief.

Stage 2: Site and weather assessment. Air Rules.

Flights to accomplish take off and landing with accurate airspeed and drift control,

Stage 3: Introduction to flight planning solo flights with turns and accomplish good take-offs and landings.

Stage 4: Medium solo flights (incorporating gentle left and right turns) and EP multiple choice exam.

Club Pilot Level (CP)

After completing your EP we offer you the opportunity to progress in this exciting sport through to the Club Pilot license and the freedom of the air, the name of the game here is to be able to soar. The first step, ridge soaring. This is using the wind to keep you aloft in smooth dynamic lift. You will be perfecting turns in preparation for the next step - thermalling. Using thermal lift it is possible to climb to cloud base which in this country could be up to 4000 ft ato (above take off) and abroad it may be higher. Plus a series of lectures which include meteorology, aerodynamics and air law, which culminate into a multiple choice exam.

Pilot Level

10 hours flying experience you can join our pilot courses.

Novice

Taster - Intro Course

Duration: 1 day of tuition **Fee:** £95
BHPA membership: **Fee:** £10

Elementary Pilot (EP)

Duration: Hang gliding 5 days off tuition **Fee:** £425
Duration: Paragliding 5 days of tuition **Fee:** £425

BHPA compulsory membership for EP courses:

Fee: £55 (3 months) £92 (year)

Elementary Pilot (EP) after the taster day.

Duration: Hang-gliding 4 days of tuition **Fee:** £350
Duration: Paragliding 4 days of tuition **Fee:** £350

You can now buy your own Glider with our guidance

Endorsement for winch or Paramotor

Club Pilot (CP)

Duration = HG. 5 days or PG. 5 days Fee: = £450
 Purchase your flight equipment? advice from us is free.

You are now a qualified Pilot

Foreign Flying

Pilot Course

Duration: 4 days **Fee:** £200
 This course is in the UK or abroad.

Instructor

International Competition

Advanced Pilot (AP)

. The highest pilot rating and a level to aspire to!

GROUPS (3 or more)

Discounts for 3 or more £5 per person

The Centre

Welcome to the Derbyshire Flying Centre. The centre was established in 1987 by Stephen Hudson CFI originally the Sheffield Hang Gliding Centre. Stephen has been flying for 26 years and has represented Britain in international competitions. The school operates in the Hope Valley. Its unique location enables quick and easy access to outstanding training and flying sites. Our team provides quality teaching in a personal and friendly atmosphere.

Hang Gliding and Paragliding.

Hang gliding and Paragliding has turned the dream of Icarus into reality. The sport has progressed from its dare devil start to one of the worlds best forms of sporting aviation, with pilots flying from cloud to cloud for more than a hundred cross country miles in Britain.

Hang gliders are semi rigid have aluminium spars and battens in their wings, but are covered in a tight sheath of polyester cloth and can fly at speeds of 16mph to 60mph.

The Paraglider is a development of the square parascending canopy and is flown from the hill in a similar manner to a hang glider, but it flies much slower and fits into a easy transportable back-pack.

Both types of glider can be launched off a hill in to ridge lift to get them airborne. Once you have attained your club pilot level and mastered the technique it is possible to fly cross-country (using thermals and ridge lift) or from the tops of mountains In the UK or abroad. Hang gliding and Paragliding are the most exhilarating air sports.

Booking

When you have decided which course to do, send your completed booking form with a deposit of £25 made payable to Stephen Hudson

All Hang Gliding / Paragliding training is weather dependant and any days cancelled due to weather conditions will be credited to you and can be taken with any suitable courses within the year. All courses must be taken within a year from first receiving your booking.

NB Deposits are not refundable

Ringin in

Once you have booked, ring in between 8.00am and 9.00am the **morning** of your course on 01298 872313 or mobile 0776 272 9663 to check weather conditions for the day.

Meeting place and time

We meet at a classroom next door to **Lyndale House in Bradwell** (opposite the Shoulder of Mutton Pub) see enclosed map for more details. The course starts at 10am and finishes around 4.30pm - 5.30pm depending on time of year and weather.

Insurance

If you require personal insurance ring BHPA's Airsports Insurance Bureau 01983 298480.

Equipment

All Hang Gliding and Paragliding equipment is provided by us eg Hang Glider, Paraglider, harnesses, helmet.

Membership

BHPA membership is compulsory and the required training membership is organised on your first day.

Fees

The fees are outlined in the course diagram overleaf. A novice will start with the intro/taster day or the full Elementary Pilot Course.

More Information

Age

The minimum age for learning Hang gliding or Paragliding with us is 16 with written parental permission. There is no upper age limit.

Clothing

You will need a pair of boots that support your ankles firmly. A few layers of clothing is recommended. Also a windproof jacket.

Lunches

Usually we go to a local cafe or pub for lunch (no alcohol), you should also bring a packed lunch, Just in case!

Things to do

Speedwell Cavern, Castleton 01433 620512
Treak cliff Cavern, Castleton 01433 620571
Ski Village, Sheffield 0114 2769459
Ring the local Tourist Board listed in brochure

Eating out or in

The Little John Hotel, Hathersage 01433 650225
The George Inn, Tideswell 01298 871382
Woodbine Cafe, Hope (closes at 5pm) also B+B
Judith 01433 621407
The Shoulder of Mutton Bradwell 01433 620427
Hope Valley Pizza (take-away) 01443 631706
Lovers Leap, Stoney Middleton. 01433 630300
Monsal Head Hotel 01629 640250

Future Courses

One Day Taster: Saturdays or Sundays
(or in the week on request)
EP Courses Start on Saturdays or Mondays

Accommodation

B+B's

The George Inn, Tideswell	01298871382
Blacksmiths Cottage, Hope	01433621407
Bowling Green Inn, Bradwell,	01433 620450
Ashbrook, Brookside, Bradwell	01433 620803
Stoney Ridge, Bradwell	01433 620538
Moorview Cottage	01433 650110
The Little John Hotel	01433 650225
The White House, Shatton, Bamford	
Mr & Mrs Middleton	01433 651487
Shoulder of Mutton Bradwell	01433 620427
Beacon House, Litton	
Mrs Parsons	01298 871752
Lovers Leap. S32 4TF.	01433 630300
Monsal Head Hotel	01629 640250

Youth Hostels

Ravenstor, Tideswell	01298 871826
The Hollies, Hathersage	01433 650493
Pindale Outdoor Centre, Hope	01433 620411

Camping and Caravanning

Peak Forest Site	01298 24007
Plough Inn Hathersage	01433 650319
Peakland Caravans & Camping	01433 631414
Bradwell Caravan Site	01433 620876

Tourist Information

Bakewell	01629 813227
Castleton	01433 620679
Buxton	01298 25106

For more info on Bradwell and its facilities check out their website www.bradda.demon.co.uk