

NDHPC Trentishoe Site Guide

Wind Direction NNW to NNE Optimum direction N

Grid Reference: Sheet 180 Grid SS 628 479

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Land Owners: National Trust

NOTE* This Area is a SSSI and is managed by the National Trust / Commoners and Natural England.

Due to this sensitivity the following restrictions apply:

- 1. Flying may only occur between 1st November and 30th April**
- 2. A maximum of 6 pilots per time may launch at any one time. Once the area in front of take-off is clear, another 6 pilots can launch and the same process would follow throughout the day.**
- 3. A maximum of 20 flying days per season is allowed. If you have flown the site, please report the date of your flight to: sitesofficer@ndhpc.co.uk**

Suitability: PG / HG Pilot Rating: 100 hours

It is strongly advised that pilots fly with an experienced Trentishoe Pilot and that they have gone through a thorough pre-flight briefing. It is also recommended that any pilot who has not flown the site before, regardless of ratings seeks the advice of a local experienced Trentishoe pilot before flying the site.

Dogs are allowed but must be kept on a lead at all times

Access and Parking

From the A39 at Blackmoor Gate, follow the A399 North West towards Combe Martin. After 2 miles you will see a signpost for "Trentishoe & Hunters Inn". It is a narrow lane so beware of oncoming traffic.

Follow this road 1 mile to Stoney Corner and take a sharp right, followed by a sharp left that takes you onto the road up to Trentishoe Downs. After 2 miles you will come over the top of the common and see the Bristol Channel in front of you. There is a parking area on the left hand side just off the road.

Alternative Parking

If this Car Park is full there is an alternative car park another ½ mile down the road on the left hand side.

Takeoff & Rigging Areas

Trentishoe is a coastal cliff site and therefore we recommend you rig behind take off. There are two take off areas. Either below the road or above the road. Paraglider pilots generally launch just below the main car park. Follow the track down and to the left, crossing over the small wall. You can launch anywhere below this point down to where the coastal path runs parallel with the hill (see map marked in green for take-off areas).

Top Landing

It is possible to land on top of Trentishoe Downs or to the right hand side (east side) where there is a clearing. Beware that the hill drops off quickly and dramatically behind Trentishoe Downs so if the wind strength is above 10mph, Paragliders should land on the east side of the hill or consider side landing near the launch area. (see map marked in blue for landing areas).

Side Landing

It is possible to land near and below the launch area (see map with blue markings). However, if possible do not land below the coastal path unless it is an emergency.

Bottom Landing

NOTE – This is a coastal site – there is NO BOTTOM LANDING. Ensure you have judged the conditions properly.

XC Potential

With a north wind long coastal runs West to Combe Martin and East to Porlock are possible. The sea and the rocks will claim the careless! Strong winter thermals give opportunities to go over the back. However, note THERE IS NO BOTTOM LANDING.

Hazards

There is absolutely NO BOTTOM LANDING here. Be aware of the weather conditions as they can change quickly as this faces the Bristol Channel and the Welsh mountains the other side. Wave can occur so constantly watch the sky up wind. When the wind is off to the east or the west, it can start to funnel down the channel and quickly diminish any lift, ensure you ALWAYS have a top landing option within reach.

As per the attached map, there is a road which runs close to take off and landing. Please be aware of any traffic and allow plenty of room and time as not to cause an incident or concern to road users.

The Hill behind Trentishoe drops away into a valley very quickly. Ensure that you do not get blown back and carefully assess the true wind speed before launching

NORTH DEVON COASTAL PATH – Please be aware that the launch site is very close to the coastal path and there are walkers who frequent this area.

NATURAL ENGLAND – SSSI The area at Trentishoe Downs is a Site of Special Scientific Interest with Natural England, which makes it a sensitive area in terms of usage and potential erosion. Please be aware that from Mid April to September warblers habitat in the under-growth. DO NOT land or launch your gliders outside of the marked areas below during this time and please minimize your impact on the environment.

CANP

If you are intending to travel and fly at Trentishoe, please ensure you call the Low Flying Booking to register at CANP before 8pm the evening before. 0800 515 544. The alternative number is 01780 416001. The Bristol Channel is regularly use by the RAF during the week and Hercules do sorties low over the coast line in this area.

