



Welcome to Dublin Gliding Club Some information for you...

HOW TO BOOK YOUR FIRST FLIGHT AND BEGIN YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Your voucher entitles you to two months membership of Dublin Gliding club and includes your first flight. You may book your first flight by calling the dedicated number (087)9025023. Bookings are taken for Saturday and Sunday mornings. The club operates every weekend on both Saturdays and Sundays, but in the summer months, special weekday flying can be arranged.

Having made a booking, if you find that you are unable to keep the appointment, we would be pleased if you would cancel at the earliest. If flying is looking doubtful because of weather or other considerations you will be contacted.

WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE DAY

You should arrive at the field by 10am on the morning of your flight. When you arrive ask for the Duty Pilot and tell him/her that you are there for an Air Experience Flight. You will then be directed to your instructor for the day. You will be given a briefing, covering the sport, what to expect, and other areas including safety.

WHAT WILL MY FLIGHT ENTAIL?

Your flight will be in a two seat, dual controlled glider with an experienced instructor. The glider will be towed to height by a tow-plane and released. Once the glider is free flying, the

instructor will demonstrate how the controls work. You will be given the opportunity to take the controls if you like, or you may just sit back and enjoy the flight.

WHAT TO WEAR

Airfields are, by their nature, exposed places. In wintertime, wear a number of layers of warm comfortable clothing and flat shoes (preferably waterproof). In summertime, use an appropriate sun block, wear a hat with a narrow brim and also bring sunglasses. Baseball caps are not allowed.

... dress comfortable and dress for weather...

WHAT TO BRING

Expect to be at the club for a number of hours and bring some refreshments with you. There are tea and coffee making facilities at the club.

CAN I FLY AGAIN ON THE DAY?

Yes. When you land, get your name on the flying list. If you wish to take additional flights on the day, or during your membership period you may do so at the published club rates.

CAN I BRING FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO WATCH?

Of course. We do ask that children are supervised at all times. You will be on an active airfield, so safety is important.

Turnover for more information.....





HOW LONG HAS THE CLUB BEEN IN EXISTANCE?

The club was established in 1952 at its first home in Weston Aerodrome, on the outskirts of Dublin. The founding members were an ex RAF Pilot and a Luftwaffe Pilot. The club moved from there to Casement Aerodrome before moving to Gowran Grange in 1972.

HOW HIGH CAN A GLIDER FLY?

No easy answer to this one. It depends on a number of factors but in theory the sky's the limit.

Did you know...?

The altitude record for an Irish Glider flight is 24,500ft (7,500mtrs or 7.5km)

IS THERE AN AGE LIMIT?

The ideal age to start learning to fly gliders is 16, but you will not be able to fly solo until you are 17 years old. There is no upper age limit...

WHAT DOES MY VOUCHER ENTITLE ME TO?

Your voucher entitles you to 2 months membership of Dublin Gliding Club and your first flight. Subsequent flights may be taken at the published club rates. Only your first flight may be booked.

WILL I BE FLYING ON MY OWN?

No. Your flights will be under instruction from one of the clubs trained instructors.

WILL MY FLIGHTS BE LOGGED?

Yes. All of your flights will be logged and you will be presented with a Log Card once you have completed your flight. Make sure that after each flight (including your first!), your Log Card is written up by the instructor.

CAN I BOOK SUBSEQUENT FLIGHTS?

No. you may only book your first flight. Following this, you will be with the other members and get involved in the club. To do so, you must arrive at the club on the flying day and get your name on the flying list. Then you will assist with the preparation for the day and the general operation, including

unpacking the hanger and getting things ready, helping to launch other pilots, retrieving gliders... Believe me...it's a great way to learn! Don't be shy!

WHAT ABOUT THE WEATHER?

Even though it might be raining where you are, it might be perfect conditions at the airfield. Glider Pilots are great optimists. The best way to make use of your two months membership is to be at the club. If you are not there you might miss that opportunity to experience those thermals that the other pilots are always talking about.

AS A MEMBER DO I PAY FOR INSTRUCTION, GLIDER RENTAL, FUEL?

No. this is a club. The cost of the launch is all you pay. There may be additional soaring charges. All rates are published in the clubhouse and on the club website. Contrary to popular belief Instructors, Tug Pilots and committee members can be bribed with Tea, Bikkies, Cakes and Chocolate and of course FLYING...

SO AFTER MY TWO MONTHS, WHAT THEN?

Become a full member! 😊

Did you know...?

Dublin Gliding Club pilots flew over 1000km in one day recently, including one single flight of over 300km plus a number in excess of 150km.

ARE THERE BOOKS ON GLIDING?

Tons... anything by Derek Piggot is normally a good bet.

NOW I AM A MEMBER, WHATS THE FIRST THING I DOO WHEN I ARRIVE AT THE CLUB?

Above all else, get your name on the flying list. Next most important thing – put the kettle on.

WHERE TO NOW?

Come on down and get flying...if you have any questions, call us on the club phone

087 9025023 or contact us via  

www.dublinglidingclub.ie