

Directions to Devon & Somerset Gliding Club

Take A303/A30 to Honiton

Exit A30 at Honiton East – first exit for Honiton when approaching from the east and second when approaching from the west.

At end of slip road, turn right at first T junction.

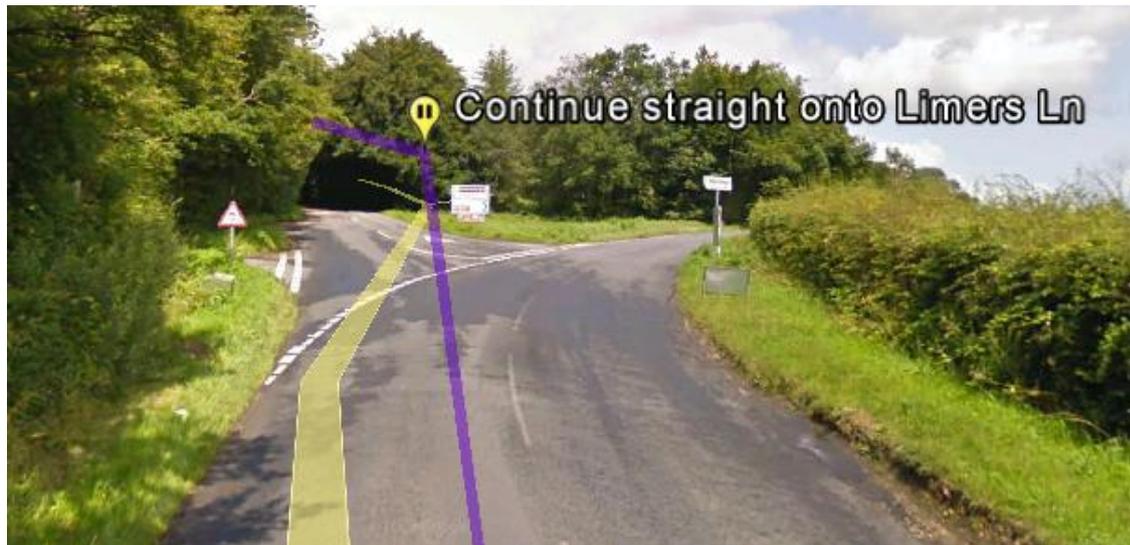
Turn right at next T junction.

Cross A30 and follow road round curve to right.

Take left turn towards Dunkeswell (Langford Road) before the slip road re-joins A30 east (see below for slip road exit when you have travelled from A30 east or Honiton and just crossed the A30, if you have travelled from A30 west, this exit is on the right):



After you cross the stream, it is a long climb to top of hill. At the top, Langford Lane bears right and you need to turn left towards Dunkeswell (see below):



Proceed past entrance to Wolford Chapel (Maple Leaf sign) to first cross-roads. At cross-roads, turn left onto Long Lane (see below):

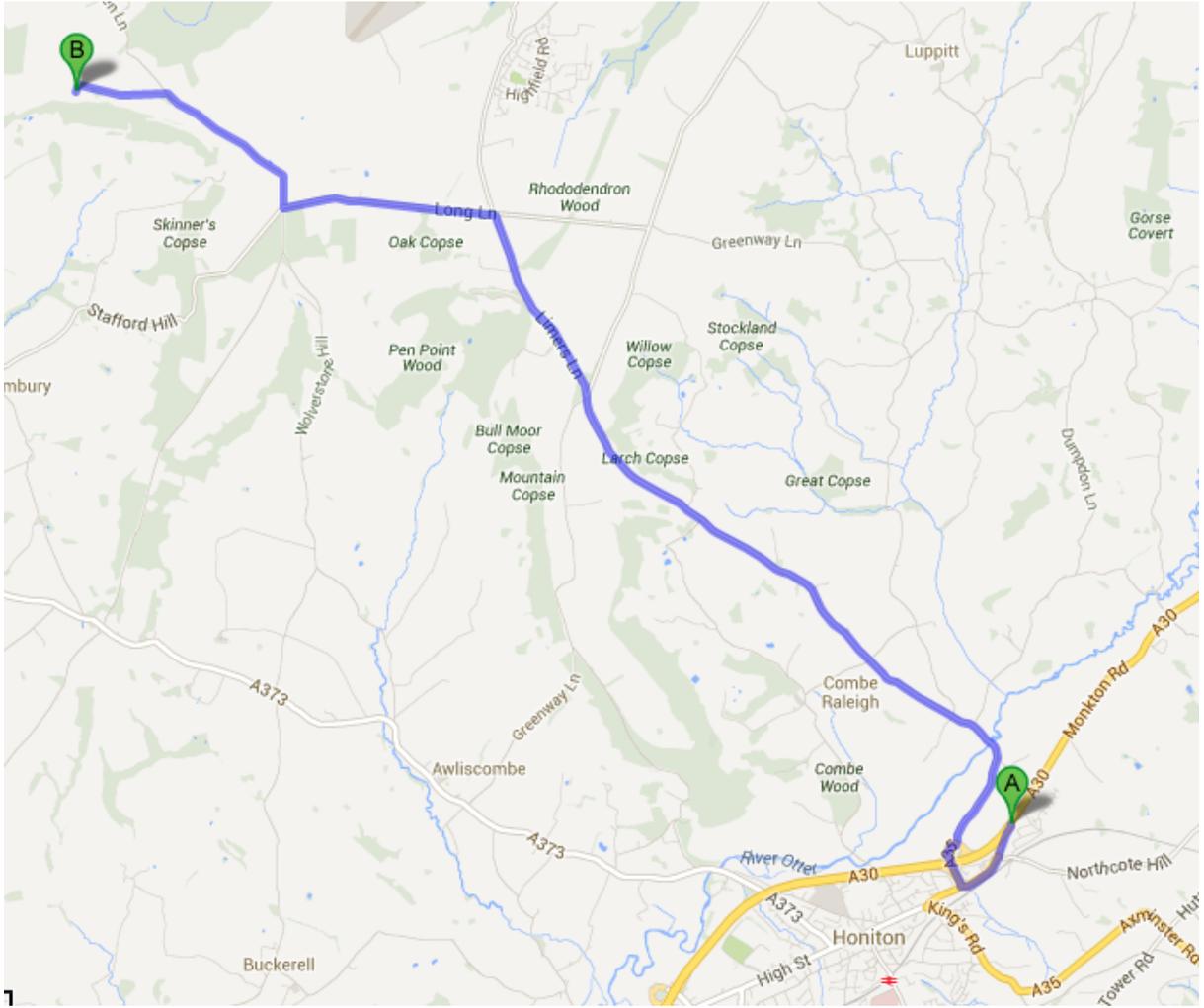


Proceed to next cross-roads and turn right onto Stafford Hill (see below):



Continue to DSGC entrance on left:





Tips for Gliding

Take the following:

A selection of clothing including warm clothes, it can get cold on airfields even in summer.

Sun cream, it can be sunny on airfields, even in summer, and if busy you may be waiting in the sun for a long time.

Sun glasses.

If you want to look like a pro, you could also take a sun hat!

Plenty of water.

A neck strap or wrist strap for your camera or phone. Loose objects are not permitted in the glider, so you will need a neck strap or wrist strap if you wish to take photographs or video in flight.

If you have big feet like me, heavy boots or trainers may be a tight fit on the rudder pedals, so take a lighter pair of shoes/trainers.

If you are over 6'6", you may not fit in the glider.

Know your weight, ideally in pounds. One of the pre-flight checks is to ensure the glider is correctly balanced, so you will need to know your weight plus the weight of the parachute you are given to wear. If you really do not wish to disclose your weight, you could ask the instructor his/her weight and then check your weight on a chart in the cockpit!

Don't panic, it is very very unlikely you will need a parachute, but the seats are designed to accommodate a parachute, so you really need to wear one.

Sit back and enjoy the ride.

The launch is fast and fun (assuming winch launch). The top of the launch is sometimes like going over a hump-back bridge.

The scenery is stunningly beautiful. On a clear day, you can see Portland Bill to the south east, Bridgwater, Burnham etc. to the north-east, the Severn Estuary and south Wales coast to the north, Dartmoor to the west and Exmouth and Dawlish to the south west.

I really hope that you enjoy the flight and return with a cheesy grin like I do after every flight. Being in the air in a glider or light aircraft is a fantastic opportunity.

If you are not in a hurry to get home after your flight and if the weather is good, I strongly recommend that you walk to the west end of the airfield to watch the sunset.