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Local Hang Gliding Schools

Please note that no endorsements by MHGA are implied.

Morningside Flight Park
RFD 2, Box 109
Claremont NH 03743
603-542-4416 / 603-543-9577 (fax)

Tek Flight
Winsted, CT
860-379-1668

AAA Flight School
Mountain Wings
150 Canal Street
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914-647-3377

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Paul Voight, 5163 Searsville Rd
Pine Bush, NY
914-744-3317

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29-31 Newtown Ave
Astoria NY
718-777-7000

Site Listing:

Greylock:
Advanced HG site. Sign in with the Bascolm Lodge Staff before flying. See the State Rules. Landing area is the radio-controlled airplane field off of Route 8.

Prospect:
Advanced HG only. Sign in with the Bascolm Lodge Staff before flying. Hang 4 site. Not open to paragliding. See the State Rules. Land by airport.

Skinner:
Intermediate HG/PG site. Sign in with the Park Rangers before flying, even if they are hard to find on weekdays. Vehicles must be outside the gates 30 minutes prior to closing. See the State Rules. Land in large hay field southwest of launch.

Mohawk Trail:
Advanced HG Site. Route 2, North Adams. Launch is north of towers above hairpin turn. Usual LZ is the RC field on route 8.

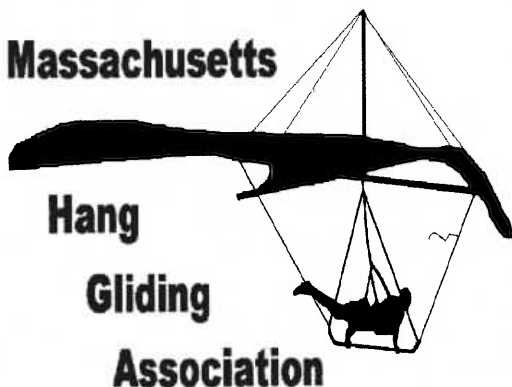
Petersburg Pass:
Advanced HG/PG site. Has about a 10:1 glide out to the landing area, can get tight on a dead glide with a little headwind.
Route 2, just past the New York border.

Pocumtuck:
Intermediate HG site. The road to the launch has been widened and regraded, and has a new gate with a new combination lock.
Deerfield MA, behind Eaglebrook Academy off Route 10. Launch is north of the radio towers. Landing is across route 10. Check with landowners in garden shop before landing there.

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Sources of information on the InterNet

<http://cougar.stanford.edu:7878/HGMPHomePage.html>
Hang Gliding Mosaic Picture Server Home Page

<http://205.138.107.3:80/users/Pilot/>
Blue Sky Aircraft Company

<http://adswwww.harvard.edu/GA/fars.html>
Federal Aviation Regulations

<http://aviation.jsc.nasa.gov:80/wx.html>
Internet Weather Services

<http://rs560.cl.msu.edu/weather/Lsa.gif>
Current Surface weather Map

<http://www.weather.com/>
The Weather Channel ® Home Page

<http://www.ualr.edu/doc/hamuair/callsign.html>
U.S. Amateur Radio Callsign Lookup Page

<http://www.lehigh.edu/~ludas/amc.html>
AMC Home Page

State Rules

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES For HANG GLIDING and PARAGLIDING at Mt Greylock, Mt Prospect, and Mt Holyoke

Minimum Rating Requirements:

Hang Gliding:	<u>Mt Greylock</u> USHGA Advanced (Hang 4) or Sponsored USHGA Intermediate (3)*	<u>Mt Prospect</u> USHGA Advanced (Hang 4) ONLY	<u>Mt Holyoke</u> USHGA Intermediate (Hang 3) or Sponsored USHGA Novice (2)*
Paragliding:	Pending		USHGA Intermediate 3 or Advanced(4) ONLY

*For information regarding *sponsored* flying, see "State Regulations for Hang Gliding", in the site log. Sponsors endanger their own rating/appointment through careless or frivolous exercise of their discretion.

Procedures:

Yearly:

Each pilot is required to complete a PERMIT Form. The permit contains a waiver which must be signed and authorized. The permit stays in the site log book and will EXPIRE with your USHGA membership if you let it lapse. The permit must be renewed annually.

Daily:

With each visit, a pilot must register on the DAILY SIGN-IN SHEET in the site log. You should have your USHGA Card and a Positive ID with you. Park personnel may ask you to produce your credentials at any time. If you are under 18 years old, you will need a signed waiver from a parent or legal guardian.

Site log locations are:

Mt Greylock/Mt Prospect : Bascom Lodge, atop Mt Greylock

Mt Holyoke : Maintenance office at the Half-way area. May be at gate or Summit House on busy weekends.

General Guidance:

No Pilot shall fly without current USHGA membership/insurance, and a valid Permit. Each pilot must read, be familiar with, and follow the park rules, USHGA Basic Safety Regulations (Part 100), and the State Regulations for Hang Gliding. Fly with a local pilot if you are unsure of launch and landing areas.

No top landings are permitted.