

# HIGHSIDE PILOTS SITE BRIEFING



There is a small area of approximately 200m in front of takeoff where student pilots fly, please be courteous and obey the ridge rules in this area to avoid confusion and maximise safety. Where possible please avoid this area. In strong conditions it is recommended to takeoff low on the face below takeoff. The use of the Halfway takeoff is recommended for experienced pilots only as the airflow in this area is not as smooth. Above moderate wind speeds when the direction is significantly off from square, turbulence will form from the surrounding topography and drift over some of the takeoff and landing areas. When landing on the beach, pick an area clear of people, vehicles and other hazards. Do not land in the area directly in front of the main carpark. The beach can become extremely busy so plan your approach to land in advance. Avoid the Venturi where the road comes down to the beach in strong wind, fly out in front of this area or don't approach it without a safe margin of speed.



When planning a long coastal flight north be aware that landing options can become limited at high tide and let someone know where you're going and when you plan to return. Take a means of communication, satellite is best as cellphone coverage is extremely limited. 5km south is a student training site please be considerate in this area and/or avoid it if possible.

There are some large gaps in the cliff to the north, in light or crossed conditions these can become impassable. if you sink out at any point it's a very long walk back. It's not recommended to relaunch as you will need to trespass on private property to do so from an untested and potentially dangerous location. If the tide allows there is a public access road at Hamilton's gap approximately 22km from takeoff. Worst case this represents a 2 to 3 hour walk. If you land 11km or less from takeoff, walk back towards takeoff. Beyond this consider walking to Hamilton's gap and attempting to hitchhike back or find cellphone reception inland and call for help.

The HighSide is a privately owned flight park, dedicated to the use and enjoyment of free flight enthusiasts with bold community focused plans for the future. Please consider making a donation to show your appreciation for the use of this site and to support the development of the site for current and future generations of pilots. Your support is greatly appreciated. If we all work together we can make the HighSide an amazing world class location for everyone to enjoy.

Thanks

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