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Site Latitude:	N51.781327	Height ASL Meters:	550m
Site Longitude:	W003.139240	Height ASL Feet:	1,800ft
Wind Direction:	NNE – ENE	Height Top to Bottom Meters:	110m
Best Direction:	NE	Height Top to Bottom Feet:	350ft
Minimum BHPA Rating Hang Gliding:	BHPA CP rating	Members Status:	Members Only
Minimum BHPA Rating Paragliding:	BHPA CP rating	OS Grid Reference and Prefix:	SO 215 096

Parking 1		Parking 3	
Latitude:	N51.792839	Latitude:	N/A
Longitude:	W003.135333	Longitude:	N/A
Parking 2		Parking 4	
Latitude:	N/A	Latitude:	N/A
Longitude:	N/A	Longitude:	N/A

Road Access:
 From Blaenavon or Brynmawr take the B4248, then by the cattle grid, turn into the parking area at the old mine access road.

Parking:
 Park in the parking area at the gate. Please do not block the footpath or cycle path.

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Take-off:

Access to take-off is by foot only (a hard carry up). Lots of space to rig on top of the hill, with an easy gentle rounded take-off. Take-off E for ENE to East, or take-off A when the wind has more North in it.

Landing:

Top landing area between (A) & (E) is vast, but the ground is rough and the front section slopes gently to the edge of the hill. Top landings should be carried out well away from pilots taking off. There is a fence that runs along the hill about 50mtrs behind take off. Slope landing by paragliders presents no real problems. The land between the hill and the road (B) is rough and broken and not recommended for hang glider bottom landing, however landings by paragliders are possible with care. Hang gliders should land on the other side of the road. The obvious flat section of land (C) drops away sharply into a bog, on the side furthest away from the hill. Hang gliders need to make an accurate approach in order to avoid the likely consequences of an overshoot, bent metal. The bog already contains the remains of one aircraft, a Halifax Bomber (22nd May 1944). This area is easiest when the wind is off to the North. If in doubt land on the rough open common (D) to the North of the flat area, just before the embankment.

Top Landing General:

South East Wales sites often have very large, undefined take off and top landing areas, which may change position according to conditions. To avoid the potential for collision, pilots making a top landing should keep well away from gliders taking off, who may in some cases have limited visibility.

Flying:

A fairly friendly site, particularly late in the day, though capacity is limited if the wind is off. A pleasant ridge run of around 5km (3 miles) to Varteg is possible in the right conditions.

Hazards:

No real hazards. But the site is frequently used by schools and low airtime pilots, and can therefore become quite crowded.



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Other Rules:

Dogs are not permitted on the hillside. Please leave the gate as you find it.
There will be a period of closure for 2 weeks between 15th March and 15th May for Lambing; this will be determined by the Graziers during that period.
If there are sheep with lambs settling on the mountain between these periods and the Closed for Flying sign is not on the gate, please advise the club and the closure period will commence.
The club will notify members via our communication systems. If there are lambs on the hill then do not fly.

Site Status:

SEW Members Only Site. You must have in date membership subscription to SEWHGPGC. SEW helmet sticker to be stuck on your helmet at all times.

Site Owners:

Walters Mining.

Site XC Potential:

TBC.



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General notes:

If you require further advice about a particular SEWHGPGC site please contact a Club Coach. Please report all accidents to The Club Safety & Training Officer Steve Millson and the BHPA. Please visit the BHPA for the most current Incident Report Form.

This document is a guide only.

We advise that anyone Hang Gliding and Paragliding conduct a dynamic risk assessment prior to flying any site. This should be continuously re-assessed due to the changeable conditions of the outdoor environment.

All individuals are advised to take the following into account when making their dynamic risk assessment:
Paragliding and Hang Gliding are dangerous sports that can cause serious injury including bodily harm, paralysis and death. Flying SEW sites is undertaken with the full knowledge that Paragliding and Hang Gliding involves such risks. As the pilot you take exclusive responsibility for all risks associated with your part taking in the sport.
Any liability claims towards the club are excluded.

If you are not sure. **DO NOT FLY.**

Who to Call in an Emergency in the UK:

In the Mountains/Rivers/Lakes
Dial 999/112 and ask for the Police and then Mountain Rescue.

If you are away from the road side then dial 999/112 and ask for the Police and then Mountain Rescue explaining your circumstances.

If you cannot make voice calls, you can now contact the 999 Emergency Services by SMS. NB you must register this prior to an emergency.

In an emergency 999 need to know:

Who is Calling?

Your name and mobile number.

What?

Briefly, what is the problem, including the state of the casualty. Ensure you use the buzzword **Fall From Height** and **Remote Location**.

Where? (see page 3 for location details) Description below:

Coity Mountain 3.8km WNW of Blaenavon Village near Big Pit Museum just off the B4248. 3.2km SE of Brynmawr.



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XC Potential Continued:

N/A.