



BENDIGO GLIDING CLUB

RAYWOOD AIRFIELD (YRYW)

INFORMATION FOR VISITING POWER PILOTS

The Bendigo Gliding Club conducts aerotow gliding operations from its own airfield at Raywood, Victoria. The Club welcomes fly in visits from pilots of powered aircraft who wish to try gliding or would just like to see how it operates.

Prior permission is required for all visiting aircraft.

The following information is provided to ensure that any visiting powered aircraft can fit into the gliding operation without risk of conflict. All operations by visiting pilots are at the pilot's discretion and it is that pilot's responsibility to ensure that the operation can be conducted safely in all respects.

Airfield Details

Lat/Long: S36° 32' E144° 14'
Location: 2nm due East of Raywood Township
Elevation: 450' AMSL
Runway: 36/18
Strip Length: 1,400 metres
Strip Width: 90 metres
Surface: Grass
CTAF: 119.30
Windsocks: East side of runway opposite the northern most hangar and at the northern end of strip.

Raywood CTAF 119.30 is the same frequency as Bendigo (YBDG). Pay attention to "Bendigo Traffic" transmissions that mention north or north west of Bendigo.

Qantas operates flights into and out of Bendigo which generally arrive from, and depart to, the north east.

Both Left and Right circuits are flown by gliders and tugs on both runways. There is no "dead side". A good look out is needed at all times and particularly on base and final legs.

Powered aircraft are requested where possible to conduct circuits to the east of the field. This requires a left hand circuit for 18 and a right hand circuit for 36. Avoid directly overflying the houses immediately northwest of the strip. Gliders typically commence circuit at about 900' AGL at the start of the downwind leg and turn base at about 400' AGL. Gliders fly the downwind and base legs much closer to the strip than normal power circuits. Keep a good look out. Gliders also may fly very modified circuits if required due to a launch failure or unexpected heavy sink. Normal Rules of the Air apply, particularly, power must give way to gliders.

In normal operations use the runway on either side of the centre strip (Left and Right) (there is plenty of room) with a preference for the side opposite any launch point activity unless it is occupied.

If you need to check runway direction either call "Raywood Traffic" for advice or check from abeam the strip. Join downwind and fly a normal circuit. There are roads at both ends of the strip and the minimum height over the fence on approach is 50'.

The Raywood Airfield is owned by and has been developed by the Bendigo Gliding Club for the purposes of recreational gliding and associated power flying. The significant cost of developing the facility has been met by the members of the Club. In the interests of fostering good relations across the various aviation types we are happy for other pilots to access the airfield. While we do not impose a formal landing fee, we would appreciate a voluntary donation from pilots taking advantage of the facilities. As a guide, \$10 per aircraft per day is generally considered reasonable.

For any further information or permission to operate on the strip contact Phil McCann on 0417 423 450 or, on weekends and public holidays the Club house on (03) 5425 2031.

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