



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
Runways: 18/36 and 09/27
Strip Length: 18/36 1,400 metres
09/27 900 metres
Strip Width: 90 metres
Surface: Grass
Runway Use: Note that 09/27 slopes down from East to West
Both runways operate with left and right strips.
09 is not available if gliders are launching on 36
CTAF: 119.30
Windsocks: East side of 18/36 opposite the northern most hangar
The threshold of 18
The threshold of 27

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.

Circuits are left hand on all runways. However due to the possibility of gliders needing to modify their circuit for safety reasons there is no "dead side". A good lookout is essential at all times and particularly on base and final legs.

Gliders typically commence circuit at about 900' AGL (1,350' AMSL) at the start of the downwind leg and turn base at about 400' AGL (850' AMSL). 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, ie there is a Left and a 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 Ground" for advice or check from abeam the strip. Join downwind and fly a normal circuit. There are roads at the approach ends of 18, 36 and 09 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, \$15 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 or 0492 923 215.

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