

# Your Trial Flight with the Canterbury Gliding Club Inc

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Thank you for choosing the Canterbury Gliding Club for your aviation adventure. The club has been teaching people to fly for over sixty years and uses approved Gliding NZ (Inc) Instructors. The Club operates, and is administered, on a purely voluntary basis by its Club members totaling around one hundred.

## **What is a trial flight?**

This is an introductory training flight where you have a briefing and then fly with an instructor and have the opportunity to take the controls.

After you have completed a Day Membership form in the caravan, you will be seated in the aircraft and be introduced to the functions of the various instruments. The use of flight controls will be demonstrated and your harness fitted securely. The instructor will be seated behind you (they will fly the glider) and will proceed through the pre-takeoff checklist. You are now ready for your trial flight!

## **What sort of aircraft will I fly in?**

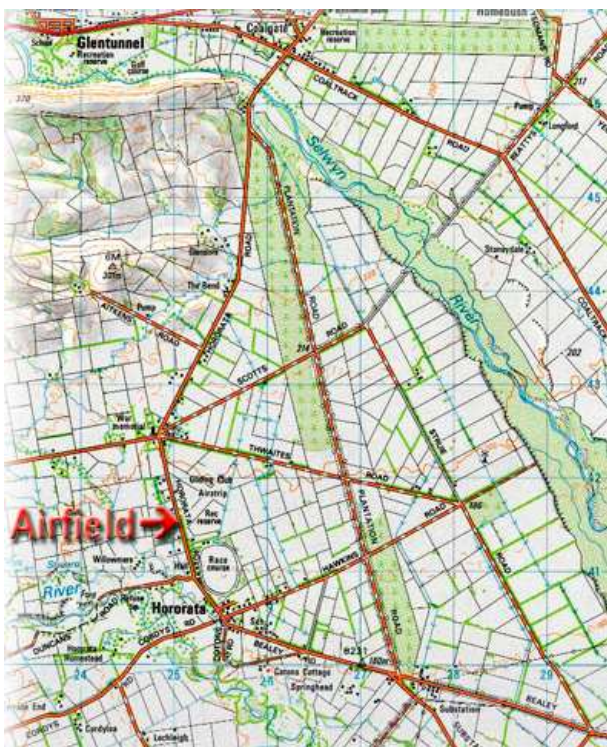
One of our twin-seat, dual-control training aircraft. They are German manufactured Grob 103 Twin II that are maintained by engineers to prescribed standards.

## **How long will the flight be?**

A 4000' aero-tow trial flight typically lasts 30 minutes. A winch launch trial flight typically lasts 5-10 minutes. Winch launches are not always available.

## **Where will I fly?**

The club operates from our airfield in the Hororata Recreation Reserve (next to the Racecourse).



## **When will I fly?**

Meet at the Gliding Club Hangar at Hororata after 10a.m. on Saturday or Sunday. We do not take bookings for flights and operate on a first-come first-served basis. However please do call the field in the morning after 9a.m. to talk to the duty instructor in order to make sure the weather is suitable for your flight. The airfield number is 03 318 0059.

## **What should I bring?**

Any airfield is wide open to the elements so please bring warm clothes e.g. ski jacket or bush shirt. As the weather can swing to extremes, you may wish to bring shorts, sun block, a sunhat or cap and sunglasses. During the cooler months, the grass on the field can be very wet first thing in the day so waterproof footwear of some sort is a good idea. You are welcome to take your camera on the flight if you wish.

A cut lunch and flask with hot drink is recommended if you're staying after your flight. There is power and water at the hangar. There is a café and pub close by in the Hororata village.

## **General Rules for the Airfield**

- The speed limit is 15 km/h at all times.
- Leave gates as you found them.
- DO NOT DRIVE on the centre of the field, keep to one side to allow gliders to land.
- All aircraft have right of way.
- Treat all aircraft propellers as dangerous, even when stopped.
- Gliders are quiet and sneak up on you, so look out for them landing before walking out on to, or back from, the field.
- If you have friends and relatives with you, we enjoy their enthusiasm and interest, but please pass these rules onto them to make it safe for everyone. Dogs must be on a leash at all times.
- If you have any questions just ask. We do not bite: some of us just look as if we could.
- Most importantly: have a great time!

