

## Main Launch Particulars

- **Recommended Rating:** INTERMEDIATE with proficiency in restricted landing field, turbulence, and assisted windy cliff launch.
- **Elevation:** 4,500' MSL
- **Coordinates:** N40°50.533' W121°25.633'
- **Prevailing wind and Speed** (summer afternoon): West to Southwest, 15 to 30mph.
- **Permanent Windsock:** Yes.
- **Parking:** Huge parking area.
- **Setup Area:** Smooth gravel with room for 20+ gliders or more.
- **Launch:** West-facing slope. Plenty of room for assistants. Excellent for paragliding. Some nearby brush if a tip were to get too low.
- **Launch assistants:** Recommended.
- **Cross Country Potential:** Yes. It's only eighty-eight downwind-miles to Lakeview's Sugar Hill, a feat yet to be accomplished.
- **Nearest LZ:** The [#1 LZ](#) a short [2.9:1 glide](#) away. This LZ is directly below and to the left of launch.
- **Most Common LZ:** The [#2 LZ](#) is an easy glide on a soarable day. It's a 7.0:1 glide away.
- **Water:** No., **Shade:** Limited., **Toilet:** Yes., **Trash:** No.
- **Vehicle Access:** Excellent gravel road.
- **Cellular Service:** Yes/No/Depends on provider.
- **Ham repeater:** 147.030+

### Precautions:

- Spectators often gather just to the left of launch. Keep spectators back for your safety and theirs.
- Inspect all LZs before you launch.

### Other:

- There is a porta-potty at launch.
- Site map and information is sometimes available in a box attached to the Forest Service sign at launch.

### Camping and Campfires

*Be fire safe and leave no trash*

If you plan on camping near launch, please comply with all [fire regulations and/or restrictions](#). Your free **REQUIRED** campfire permit is available at the following [places](#); The USFS center on Hwy 89 (just south of Fireside), the Old Station Visitor Center and CDF in Johnson Park. **NOTE:** Campfires at the site (and outside all established campgrounds) will most likely be banned by the end of June due to fire danger.

## South Launch Particulars

- **Recommended Rating:** ADVANCED with proficiency in restricted landing field, turbulence, and assisted windy cliff launch.
- **Elevation:** 5,110' MSL
- **Coordinates:** N40°48.533' W121°24.900'
- **Prevailing wind and Speed** (summer afternoon): West to Southwest, 15 to 30mph.
- **Permanent Windsock:** Wind streamers below launch.
- **Parking:** Somewhat limited but room for several vehicles.
- **Setup Area:** Irregular terrain with low brush.
- **Launch:** West-facing exposed earthen ramp. Room for sidewire assistants but nose assistant not recommended due to steep drop-off at the end of the ramp. Probably not suitable for paragliding due to the low brush at the back of the launch.
- **Launch assistants needed:** Yes. At least two.
- **Cross Country Potential:** Yes. It's only eighty-eight downwind-miles to Lakeview's Sugar Hill, a feat yet to be accomplished.
- **Nearest LZ:** [Buttonhook LZ](#), a [3.6:1 glide](#) away. This LZ is nestled directly below the bench that sits out front, and 660 feet below launch. The LZ is not visible from launch. ([see site map](#))
- **Water:** No., **Shade:** No., **Toilet:** No., **Trash:** No.
- **Vehicle Access:** Excellent gravel road.
- **Cellular Service:** Yes/No/Depends on provider.
- **Ham repeater:** 147.030+

### Precautions:

- A north or northwest direction in the *prevailing* wind will still be trying to come straight up the face due to the sun hitting the volcanic ridge face. The air below launch will not be moving up and you may take a rodeo-style ride to the dangerous rocky bench below. If these conditions exist, don't risk a launch. South to southwest wind direction in the valley is common and desirable.
- Inspect all LZs before you launch.

### Other:

- This launch is about a 20 minute drive beyond the Main Launch.

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