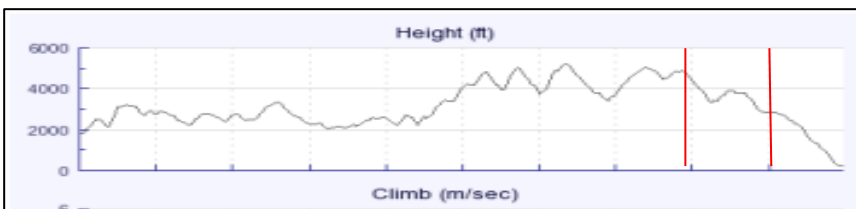


*Slow climb over Roundhills res.*

*There are times when zero or light climbs are worth hanging onto. With any wind, just circling is still covering ground and it may lead to a better climb or a better place to find one. With nothing obvious to head for it's preferable to hang back and wait in good air.*

*In my optimism I think I felt the small moor to the south could give me a better climb and get me high before entering the VoY. It didn't!*

*See photo below. Not sure why I felt optimistic about its chances.*



OK, a fair xc for the day given the expectations I had around midday, but a mix of good and poor thinking. For the most part good but, towards the end I failed to change to a slower gear and studying the snail-trail I probably stepped out of the lift line in places near the end. I located thermals well, mapped them fairly quickly and climbed OK – but without others to act as comparators it's hard to judge.

I'm afraid this may have become the blow by blow account I didn't want, but it still may provide some insight for those who hanker after their first xc.

