



# A Hike & Fly Challenge

## IMPORTANT – READ THIS!

- **The Challenge** is privately set and run and is NOT associated with, or permissioned by any paragliding Club or School.
- It is **based on the Howgills/Western Dales** challenge (which is one of the four hike and fly challenges in the NC series). To date it has been attempted but never completed.
- The **task details**, downloads and uploads can be accessed via xcmapp or the link below.
- It is intended as a **single day challenge**, but spread across three days, 10/11/12 September (competitors choose their day).
- There is **no entry charge**, any small overheads are covered by the sponsor.
- Some **notes on the challenge** are included for those unfamiliar with the area. (See task notes sheet).
- All **competitors must pre-register** up to a maximum of 25. (Entry forms below).
- This **Challenge coincides with the DHPC social/flying weekend** based near Settle (camping available – see DHPC details for arrangements and charges)

Task link: <http://www.xcmapp.net/x.php?t=846&c=NCT+Hike+and+Fly>

## OUTLINE INFORMATION

This Challenge is intended for single day use only across a prescribed weekend – Friday, Saturday or Sunday depending on weather conditions. Competitors will decide the day they feel is best suited. Further briefing notes will be via email, Whatsapp, DHPC forum and posted online at [xcflight.com](http://xcflight.com). If the weather is truly atrocious any cancellation will be at 48hrs notice to prevent unnecessary travelling. There is no back-up date to the ones stated above. \* See notes at bottom

It is organised on a fairly adhoc basis to afford maximum flexibility with minimal organisation. It relies on pilots taking responsibility for their own support, safety (including tracking) transport and accommodation needs.

On the (pilot) designated day the start time window is from Sedbergh (start is 8am to 10am). Only a single attempt/day can be submitted – no repeat day! Scoring is based on **Elapsed Time**. Turnpoints must be taken in the order shown. Only the start cylinder (SSS) is an exit. Note it is 200m.

The final land by/stop time is 8pm latest. You must STOP your igc recording at this time.

Scoring will be done by EACH competitor (uploading) to xcmapp which will provide a final points score based on distance and time. The time element only comes into play if you complete, otherwise it is based on distance only. Each competitor is responsible for providing a full and complete, start to finish, igc file. The scoring system works on elapsed time taken (regardless of start time from within the stipulated window). The upload should be done within 48hrs unless problems are encountered. It is the responsibility of a competitor to have a valid igc file from start to finish (whether walking or flying). A back-up is useful, this could be via your tracking. (see guidance notes elsewhere). Note the tracking time interval is 20 secs .... not crucial, but advisable on long H&F tasks.

**COMPETITORS.** Entry information will be collected via an online entry form (now on website) to interested pilots. Only the first 25 to respond are guaranteed a place. DHPC pilots will have priority

before entry is opened out to other clubs. Any DHPC priority will end on 14<sup>th</sup> August. All entries close after 6th September or when full. Entries should be emailed to [xcflight@gmail.com](mailto:xcflight@gmail.com)

**AWARDS** – A sponsored, engraved glass/wood trophy for the first two placed pilots, plus a copy of ‘Hike and Fly for Beginners’, recently published, for a deserving lower placed pilot. If, having given the above considerable thought, you wish to be sent an application form, please email me at: [xcflight@gmail.com](mailto:xcflight@gmail.com) - title it ‘XDales entry’ to avoid my spam box please. I’ll try and respond as received to each entry.

**Notes:** All information and entry forms should be available on line at [xcflight.com](http://xcflight.com) by the 10<sup>th</sup> August latest.

The Sedbergh start/finish location details are now available on the website.

**This is a Hike AND Fly challenge. It cannot be walked for 100% and conditions must allow for an element of flight; even if a fly down. If none of the three days allow for safe flying then I’m afraid it’s a cancel. Some of the route must be flown to qualify.**

The Hike and Fly rules will be available on [xcflight.com](http://xcflight.com) as one of the downloads.