



Locating Lasham by Road and Rail. We are fortunate that Lasham is situated near major road and rail routes.

Travelling by Road

A31 at Alton

Follow signs A339 Basingstoke. After about 6 miles turn right into Avenue Road, Lasham Gliding is sign posted on a blue sign. The airfield entrance is on the right after about half a mile.

M3 Junction 6 (Basingstoke)

Follow signs Alton A 339. Lasham is on the left about 6 miles down this road just after the village of Herriard. You can see large aircraft at ATC aviation as you come over the brow of a small hill. Turn left into Avenue Road, Lasham Gliding is sign posted on a blue sign. The airfield entrance is on the right after about half a mile.

M3 Junction 5

Follow signs Farnham A287. At the next roundabout follow signs Alton B3349. After 6 miles turn right at Golden Pot crossroads. The airfield entrance is on the left after about 1.5 miles.

Travelling by Train

From London

Start at Waterloo Station (Just south of the Houses of Parliament and Trafalgar Square, over the river).

Via Basingstoke:

fast line, 43 minutes, frequent trains. Lasham then 8 miles south by bus or taxi.

Via Alton:

Slow line, infrequent trains, 1 hour 10 minutes, Lasham then 4 miles north by taxi.

From Guildford

Train to Aldershot then to Alton as above.

UK sailplane Grand Prix 2008

Lasham Airfield / Hampshire / 1st to 7th september

www.ukspalnegrandprix2008.co.uk

Event summary

The Lasham Gliding Society is proud to announce that it will be hosting the 2008 UK Gliding Grand Prix Final. On Saturday 6th September the airfield will be attracting thousands of spectators, who have come to witness the thrilling aerial spectacles of the day including the final day of the gliding Grand Prix and a spectacular airshow. Exhibition, VIP and corporate entertainment opportunities are available. This is a unique event, the first of its kind in the world, introducing one of the most technologically advanced, fastest and greenest aerial action sports.

Venue

The event will take place at the Lasham Gliding Society, Lasham Airfield, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 5SS, UK. Built during the Second World War, the airfield is a hidden treasure nestling in the rolling Hampshire countryside. With excellent transport links via the M3 motorway to the north and the A31 to the south, the airfield is well positioned for ease of access to the population of the Southeast.

What is the Gliding Grand Prix?

Gliding is the thrill of flying an aircraft using only the natural energy in the atmosphere to fly higher, further, faster or longer. Modern gliders use space-age composite materials combined with the latest aerodynamic designs and aeronautical technology and as a result can reach speeds of up to 150 mph and cover hundreds of miles without an engine.

Grand Prix – unlike traditional gliding competitions where pilots race against the clock, GP racing sees pilots racing head to head, in real time, like racing cars on a high speed track. This new style of racing has allowed gliding to be enjoyed by the general public thanks to its exciting nature, high speed drama and remarkable skill and daring of the pilots. Using GPS and satellite communications the aerial drama is played to spectators in real time, culminating in a thrilling racing finish.

Airshow

The airshow will feature a diverse display of differing aircraft types, ranging from the poetic ballet of an aerobatic glider tracing patterns in the sky with smoke from its wingtips through to the thundering spectacle of a DHL Boeing 757 airliner completing incredible manoeuvres. The final line-up of participating aircraft is still being put together, however other acts include Second World War fighters and vintage fighter jets, the current British aerobatic champion and maybe even a flyby by the Cold War Avro Vulcan Bomber.

Air Fair

Complementing the aerial spectacle will be a selection of family orientated activities, including children's entertainment, commercial exhibitors, helicopter trial flights, flight simulators, guided tours of interesting aircraft including the DHL 757, and of course food and beverage offerings.

Charity

Aviation charity, the British Disabled Flying Association, will be attempting to set a new Guinness World Record towing a DHL Boeing 757 along the runway using their wheelchairs. This is expected to draw significant global press interest.

Exhibition and sponsorship opportunities

Align your brand with the thrill of aviation, not just the airshow, but consider Grand Prix gliding at the forefront of technology both aerodynamic and technical, with the fact that it has zero carbon footprint after takeoff. Lasham Gliding Society is able to offer a number of opportunities, all tailored to your company's marketing needs and aspirations. Consider the following:

- Invite your best customers to a day of spectacle unlike any other, wine and dine them in your very own corporate enclosure, treat them to an experience flight in one of our training gliders
- Display your vehicles and give demonstration drives on the perimeter track and runway (not possible during the duration of the air display)
- Link your company's name to one of the many flying displays or indeed to the whole event
- Introduce and reinforce your products and brand to the 5000 plus visitors on the day
- Concerned about wet weather? Negate this risk by utilising space in your own private marquee, or use a portion of one of the exhibition marquees
- The technological component of Grand Prix racing includes visual representation of the racing in real time on plasma screens at the event, but most importantly from a sponsor perspective the racing is visible real time on the web. Thousands of aviators from around the world will be viewing the racing, and naturally this web portal is also available for your branding
- Further branding opportunities include the winner's podium, on the gliders themselves, on the race clothing of participants and the site staff the race is likely to achieve significant coverage by national papers and television