



SHPF

Ratho Chuck & Pack 08

Friday 14 March 2008
Ratho Adventure Centre, Edinburgh

It's back (after a year's absence whilst Ratho had a major re-fit), the annual opportunity to check your reserve chucking skills and re-pack.

This year the chuck session is on Friday evening, with a repack and SHPF AGM on Saturday at the Tinto Hotel. It is organised (and subsidised) by SHPF and is open to all BHPA registered pilots.

The fee for the chuck is £20 - a cheap price to establish that you know what to do and that the thing you carry around all year actually deploys.

Register now. Space is limited.

Email Alistair Bowman to reserve your place. ambowman43@aol.com

Information for attending pilots



Your covering email/letter will give you a registration number. This number determines approximately when you will be using the zipwire. If you do not turn up for your allocated slot, you will be included as soon as possible.

1. Programme (may be subject to change)

Friday 14 March

4.30pm onwards Registration

Location to be confirmed

This is primarily for the first group of names but anyone is welcome to come along at any time. However, use of the zipwire will be dictated by registration number. If you do not turn up when you are due to use the zipwire, you will be slotted in as soon as possible. Follow signs for SHPF repack. Bring all your kit but no responsibility will be accepted for lost or damaged items.

5.00pm - 9.45pm Reserve deployment

SkyRide level 5+

The fun starts. The number of pilots allowed in the take-off area at any one time will be 5. This gives you the chance to watch how the system works before your flight and to provide moral support or give marks out of 10 to those in front of you. Each pilot will be called forward by number, briefed and attached to the zipwire. Two screwlock carabiners will be used to attach the pulley system to the hang points on your harness. When you are ready and happy with the arrangements - yehahhhhhhhh - remembering to deploy reserve as quickly as possible.

When you come to a halt you will still be suspended some 15m above the floor so wait until you are lowered. Someone will then help you to detach yourself from the pulley. Bundle up reserve and remember to collect the deployment bag.

You then have the option of taking your reserve home for un-assisted repacking (if you are confident of what to do) or bringing it to the Saturday repack.

NB. This is the ideal opportunity to re-pack your reserve at home BEFORE the deployment, to test your reserve re-packing skills.

Saturday 15 March

10.00am onwards Reserve repacking

Tinto Hotel, Symington

The Tinto Hotel have provided their Ballroom for mass re-packing. We hope that SHPF coaches will be on hand to offer some assistance but it is your responsibility to carry out your own repack.

Flying?

If it's flyable, you can head off to Tinto once you've packed away your reserve.

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AGM

Tinto Hotel

The time for the AGM will be based on the flying conditions. If a non-flying day, the AGM will be around 1.00pm, if flyable expect a 5.00pm start (or later).

Notes:

1. The programme times may be adjusted depending on numbers - priority will be given to those who have pre-registered.
2. The amount of repack supervision may also depend on total numbers, but priority will be given to those who are new to reserve repacking.

5. Please bring:

Full harness and reserve

Helmet and gloves

Reserve manual (if you have)

Warm clothing (it can be cold in Ratho)

Radio tuned to 143.675 (if you have)

Important

The zipwire will be installed and supervised at all times by Adventure Centre staff. All persons using the zipwire must follow the directions of Adventure Centre staff and take full responsibility for proper adjustment of their own harness.

Food and Drink

Coffees, drinks, snacks, bar snacks and full meals are available at the Ledge Cafe (Ledge in Climbing Hall) and Stone Room Bar/Restaurant (Level 5).

