

The Point of the Mountain, Draper, Utah

The Point of the Mountain is a wonderful flying site with consistent ridge soaring conditions. Due to a local weather phenomenon, we usually get the opportunity to fly two different wind directions every day. The "South side" is usually flyable in the mornings. In the late afternoons or evenings, when the wind switches to a northerly direction, we will fly the "North side". The Point predominantly provides ridge-lift soaring. The South side is a 100 meter smooth slope perfect for learning. The North side has a 2-layered slope system, and often provides us opportunities to "bench up" to fly the 300 meter high ridge behind launch.

Directions:

To drive from Salt Lake City, take I-15 south to exit #291, turn left under the freeway to the four way stop, then either...

To go to the South Side

Turn right on Minuteman Dr. and continue alongside the freeway. At 2.5 miles take a left turn (there is a brown highway sign with "Point of the Mountain flight park, South side"). Drive through the gravel operation and follow the dirt road along the base of the hill to the east end, where the road climbs up to the top of the hill (veer left at the "Y"). Once on top make the first left & follow the road back towards the west to the parking area. Please drive appropriate speeds on these gravel roads.

To go to the North Side

Go straight through the 4-way stop, and continue to the first right. Turn right on Traverse Ridge Rd. then follow it to the second right, and turn right on Steep Mountain Drive. Follow Steep Mountain Drive through the entire neighborhood until the pavement ends, and you will be at the launch area. Please be courteous and drive 25 mph or less since these streets are residential and our presence puts a strain on this neighborhood.

What to expect:

We generally begin early in the morning (7 am-ish) before the thermals develop, and work until mid-to-late morning, as conditions allow. As your skill develops, you can fly evenings on the North side.