

# ARMY PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION

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Thank you for your enquiry. We are primarily a military organisation, but we also accept civilian parachute students. **This document has 6 pages. You also require a separate medical form and a separate 'Netheravon Guest Proforma' (required to notify the guardroom of your arrival). These forms are attached (by email), enclosed (by post), or downloadable from [www.netheravon.com](http://www.netheravon.com).**

## What is a Tandem Skydive?

If you decide to undertake a tandem skydive you will initially undertake a ground-training programme of approximately 20 minutes. This is followed by a 15 minute climb in one of our turbine aircraft to an altitude of approximately 13 000 feet, followed by 40 seconds in freefall and a five minute canopy ride. Throughout the whole skydive you are attached to your instructor by a harness.

## What is a Static-line course (Also known as RAPS)?

This is an introductory course, which usually takes place over a weekend. Initially you will be required to undertake a ground-training programme, which lasts for a minimum of 6 hours and culminates in a written test. You will then parachute from 3,500 feet using a Static Line Ram Air canopy, which is designed to open automatically within seconds of you exiting the aircraft. Once you have successfully completed this first jump, you can go on to follow a progression system, which prepares you to go on to freefall.

## What is Accelerated Freefall (AFF)?

This is an accelerated freefall programme consisting of eight levels of attainment. Levels one to seven are made from 12,000 feet, level eight is made from 5,000 feet. Initially you will be required to undertake a ground-training programme. Next you will undertake three levels with two instructors, followed by the remaining five levels with one instructor. Once you have successfully completed this, you will undertake ten solo consolidation jumps (not included in the course price).

## How much does it cost?

<b>Tandem:</b>	£250
<b>Optional DVD &amp; stills:</b>	£99 (this is booked and paid for on the day)
<b>Static Line course (RAPS):</b>	£185 (civilian member) £150 (military member)
<b>AFF Course</b>	£1350 (+BPA Membership) (civilian member) £950 (+BPA Membership) (military member)
<b>AFF Level 1 only</b>	£350 (civilian) (military, telephone for details)

**These fees cover the following costs:**

1. Training
2. BPA 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Insurance.
3. One jump for Tandem, AFF Level 1, Static-line (to be completed within 6 months). Eight jumps for the AFF course
4. Parachute equipment hire, including parachute packing.

**Am I eligible to skydive?**

If you fulfil the following conditions, you are eligible to apply to jump:

**Age:** **Minimum age is 16** *Persons aged 16-17 must obtain **written parental consent on the membership agreement form (attached), and a parent must be the witness on their medical declaration form.***

**Maximum age is 55 for static-line and AFF.** *Persons 40+ must obtain a doctor's signature on the attached medical form*

Those wishing to carry out a tandem parachute jump over the age of 60 will be assessed on the day by a tandem instructor. It will be the tandem instructor's decision to carry out the jump. If, in the opinion of the tandem instructor, the passenger is too frail the jump will not go ahead - even if the tandem student has a certificate signed by the doctor.

**Medical** **Ages 16-17 yrs:** You must have the attached medical declaration form signed by a parent/Guardian. **Do not post it to us, bring it on the day.**

**Ages 18-39yrs:** Please read the 'notes for parachutists' on the medical declaration form. If you have any medical concerns, please see your Doctor and ask him/her to sign&stamp the form if you are deemed fit. Please bring the form with you on the day **(Do not post it to us).**

**Age 40+ yrs:** You must see your Doctor and have the Medical form signed & stamped. Please bring it with you on the day. **(Do not post it to us).**

No other medical certificates (eg pilot's medical or letter from friendly doctor) are acceptable. We can only accept the official British Parachute Association Medical declaration form.

**All persons** **Must complete and post/fax the MOD security 'Guest Proforma' at least 7 days prior to the jump. (also attached)**

**Health:** **Maximum weight 16 Stone (Tandem) and 15½ Stone (Static Line & AFF).** Weight must be in proportion to height.  
**Persons with an existing medical condition or disability** must consult the APA in advance to ascertain their suitability to jump.

### What happens on the day?

The process of checking people in at the guardroom can be lengthy and therefore causes queues if everyone arrives at the same time. When you make your booking, **please state which arrival time you would prefer**. If the time you request on the booking form is already full, we will call you to arrange an alternate arrival time:

#### Weekends (inc Bank Hols)

20<sup>th</sup> February - 12<sup>th</sup> December 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am or Midday.  
(except RAPS and AFF students who must arrive at 8am)

#### Weekday (Friday Only)

26<sup>th</sup> March- 22<sup>nd</sup> October 10am arrival  
(except AFF courses on Fridays who must arrive 8.30am)

Initially you should report to the APA reception on arrival. Static Line (RAPS) and AFF students must not be late as this will delay the start of the course, and you may be asked to rebook.

**Please be prepared to spend the whole day at the Parachute Centre!** Every effort is made to get you into the air as soon as possible but sometimes delay is unavoidable - particularly if there are a lot of people jumping or the weather is marginal. You might want to bring a book with you, or alternatively you can watch the other skydiving activities that are going on.

### What should I wear?

- **Jeans, Tracksuit, leggings or sports clothing**
- **Training shoes - NO BOOTS or SHOES WITH HOOKS**
- **A sweatshirt in case the weather turns chilly!**
- **Tandem students might want to bring gloves**

### What identification will I need to bring with me?

This is a military camp and adults must bring photo ID. A passport or photo driving licence is ideal. Similarly, if you invite any spectators (maximum of 4 adults), they must also possess photo ID. A reasonable number of children (15 yrs and under) can be brought in addition to the adults! Please understand that these rules are made by the Military Guard Service and are not negotiable on the day. If you are denied access to the camp due to an infringement of any of the above regulations you may have to rebook.

### Can I bring any friends?

The MOD limits spectators to 4 people per parachutist. Please read conditions on the attached Netheravon guest proforma.

### Accommodation for Static-line (RAPS) /AFF students

There is a campsite where you can pitch a tent. In addition there is a basic bunkhouse which is free. Sleeping bags/pillows are required. (Bunkhouse accommodation cannot be

booked in advance, first come first served.) Washroom/shower facilities are available at the Parachute Centre. We also recommend local B & B accommodation; please phone the Amesbury Tourist Information Centre on 01980 622833.

### **Food**

A range of hot and cold snacks is available from approximately 0800 hrs at our on-site canteen.

### **Directions**

Map Enclosed.

### **General**

Parachuting is a weather dependant sport. If you are unable to jump on the date of your course, alternative dates will be made available. Static-line and AFF students must carry out refresher training, or jump, within 3 months of their initial training course in order to remain current.

Parachuting does not come naturally to everyone. All aspects of ground training must be completed. The Centre reserves the right to refuse an individual to jump.

If you wish to make a parachute jump with the A.P.A please complete the enclosed paperwork and return it to us as soon as possible.

### **Drop Zone Rules**

- Vehicles may only be parked in the space sign posted "Visitors Car Park"
- **Children are the responsibility of the accompanying adult and must be supervised at all times.**
- When outside, spectators must remain within the fenced off area and on no account are they allowed to wander onto the airfield.
- Netheravon Airfield Camp has a strict '**no visiting dogs on camp**' policy. Therefore we respectfully request that you leave your dogs at home.
- Smoking is not permitted within the parachute centre.
- Alcohol consumption is forbidden during the parachute programme. However, there is a bar which opens at 6pm on Sat and Sun, which you are welcome to use once you have completed your jumps.
- Persons under the influence of alcohol will be unable to undertake any part of the parachute programme.

## DIRECTIONS TO AIRFIELD CAMP, NETHERAVON



### Directions from the South Coast

Drive to Salisbury, and follow signs for the A345 towards Amesbury and Marlborough. Follow A345 directions given below.

### A303 driving West from Basingstoke

At the A303's Countess Roundabout (Amesbury), take the third exit onto the A345, following signs to Marlborough. Please follow the A345 directions, given below.

### A303 driving East from Exeter.

At the A303's Countess Roundabout (Amesbury), take the first exit onto the A345, following signs to Marlborough. Please follow the A345 directions, given below.

### A345 Going North from Amesbury (Countess Roundabout) towards Marlborough

At Netheravon (approx 5 miles) turn right immediately before the 'Dog and Gun' Pub. Take the next right at the triangular junction (50 metres). Follow the road towards Airfield camp (600 metres).

### A345 driving South from Marlborough towards Amesbury

At Netheravon turn left immediately after the Dog and Gun pub. Turn right at the triangular junction (50 metres). Follow the road towards Airfield camp (600 metres).

**WARNING.** Tom Tom and other Sat Navs will direct you to entirely the wrong place if you enter our postcode (SP4 9SF). You must approach the camp from the A345.

