



WELCOME TO SKYDIVE NETHERAVON! *YOUR ADVENTURE BEGINS HERE!*

Thank you for choosing Skydive Netheravon, the home of the Army Parachute Association, for your Accelerated Free Fall course (AFF). By deciding to become a qualified skydiver you have made a life changing decision, joining one of the greatest sporting communities in the world.

The Army Parachute Association has some of the best parachute instructors and equipment in the country and a support team second to none.

Within this pack you will find links to all the information you need ahead of your course, and hopefully answer a few of the questions you may have.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will be happy to help you in whatever way we can.

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We look forward to meeting you and starting you on this great adventure!

The Skydive Netheravon Team



Accelerated Free Fall (AFF) Course

Accelerated Free Fall is one of the fastest ways to gain your skydiving certification: As the name suggests, this is an 'accelerated' training method.

The AFF course starts with a series of ground training sessions all completed in one day, that will teach you everything you need to know for your Level 1 skydive. Six further instructor accompanied skydives, including comprehensive de-briefs, take you through to Level 8 which will be your first solo skydive. Ten consolidation jumps follow, culminating in your world recognised BPA 'A' Licence skydiver qualification. The whole course can be done in as much time as you can commit to it and of course the weather conditions.

Your full AFF journey with more detail on the content of each level is found here:

<http://www.netheravon.com/learn-to-skydive/accelerated-free-fall/>

What can I do to prepare for my course?

Take a look at the hand signals shown below; learning these in advance will speed up your training!



ARCH



RELAX



CHECK ALTI



PULL



**LEGS/KNEES
TOGETHER**



**STRAIGHTEN
LEGS**



BEND LEGS



POINT TOES



OK



On the Day:

Timings:

We operate AFF courses (Level 1) over a two day period; Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday. If you are booked for a Friday ground school, **your course will begin at 10:00 on the Friday morning**. If you are booked for a Saturday ground school, **you need to arrive in time to start at 08:00 Saturday morning**. Please be aware that the drive from the security gate is about a mile, so give yourself plenty of time to park and get into the building so that you have time to get your paperwork done prior to the start of your course.

Frequently Asked Questions

Am I eligible to skydive?

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

Medical: Please read the **Solo Student Parachutist Self-Declaration of Fitness to Parachute** form. If you breach any of the stated medical conditions, please see your doctor and ask him or her to sign and stamp the **Solo Student Parachutist Request for Medical Advice** form if they deem you fit.

Form 115C is the Self-declaration form

Form 115D is the form you need to take to your doctor if this is necessary

Persons with a disability must consult the Army Parachute Association in advance to ascertain their suitability to jump.

Age: **Minimum** age is 16. Persons 16-17 must obtain written parental consent on the **Student Provisional Membership & Agreement** form and **Self-Declaration/Medical** forms.

If you breach any of the stated medical conditions, please see your doctor and ask him or her to sign and stamp the **Solo Student Parachutist Request for Medical Advice** form if they deem you fit. The doctor's medical form once signed will supercede any parental signature.

The **maximum** age to be permitted to undertake a Level 1 course is 54.

Weight: **Maximum** weight for an AFF course is 14st 3 lbs or 90kgs. If you find yourself above this weight, it doesn't rule you out for training, but you must contact us first and we will see if you are suitable.

Please note that all relevant forms are downloadable from our website here: <http://www.netheravon.com/learn-to-skydive/forms/>

We are only able to accept the official British Skydiving forms. Please bring them with you on the day.

How do I get to the drop zone?

Our website has a detailed map and list of directions to make your journey here easier

<http://www.netheravon.com/location/> Please use **SP4 9RY** for Sat Nav as this will get you closer to the main entrance than our post code.

What identification will I need to bring?

All adults, including spectators must bring photographic ID. A passport or photo driving licence is ideal.

Can I bring any friends?

Yes, you are welcome to bring friends and family. Please let your guest(s) know that they must bring photo ID with them in order to access the camp and please be mindful that your training day can take 6-8 hours, so your guests may prefer to come for your jump only, and you can check with your instructor for timings at the end of your training day.

Where do I 'check in' once I am on the camp?

Upon arrival at the main gate you will need to book in with your Photo ID. Once you are through the security gate you will be given instructions on the process of moving on to the parachute centre. You will park in the 'Visitors Car Park' which is clearly signposted. From there you will see a red and white chequered double-decker bus – it's hard to miss! Walking towards this will take you past a large building- the hangar. Entrance to the hangar is on your right and the reception desk is in the far corner of the main open area of the hangar. If you are coming to the Friday ground school, head the APA office rather than reception. Our helpful staff will then register you in and introduce you to your instructor.

What training is given?

Initially you will be required to undertake an in-depth ground training programme, which lasts for a minimum of 6 hours and finishes with a written test.

For more information about your AFF journey, please refer to our web page:

<http://www.netheravon.com/learn-to-skydive/accelerated-free-fall/>

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
- Gloves if your hands are sensitive to the cold

Are there any 'rules' I need to know about?

To make the experience safe and enjoyable for everyone, we ask you to respect the following rules:

- You must submit your spectator list and vehicle registration to the APA no later than the Wednesday before your visit
- Vehicles may only be parked in the space sign-posted 'Visitors Car Park'.
- Children must be supervised at all times
- When outside, spectators must remain in the fenced off area and on **no account** are they 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, including your visitors dogs.
- Smoking is **not** permitted on airfield camp at any time.
- Alcohol consumption is forbidden during the parachute programme. However, there is a bar which opens **after** jumping that members are welcome to use once you have completed your jumps.
- Any person under the influence of alcohol will be unable to undertake any part of the parachuting programme.

Is there anywhere to eat?

We have a café on site which provides reasonably priced hot and cold meals from 0800 hours until last light.



Important Information

Every effort is made to get you into the air as soon as possible, but sometimes delay is unavoidable, particularly if the weather is marginal. Parachuting is a weather dependent sport and students require stricter weather conditions in order to jump, so prepare to dedicate your time to meeting new people over a cup of tea in the canteen! If you are unable to jump on the date of your course, alternative dates are always available.

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

Once you have completed your initial training and Level 1, you can turn up on any of our 'jumping' days to continue with your training. We do ask that you book in with us either via our Facebook Group 'Netheravon Skydivers' or via email. We operate every Saturday and Sunday with the refresh taking place just after 8am. We open on Friday afternoons from 12pm where the weather permits so please do give us a call if you are available and the weather looks good!

Please bear in mind there are 'currency' requirements in skydiving. After you have completed your ground training, you have 3 months to carry out your Level 1 skydive. If you do not, you will have to carry out an extended refresh session at £50. If 6 months pass, you will need to sit the ground school again.

Insurance and Membership of British Skydiving (formerly BPA)

All parachutists in the UK are required to join British Skydiving - membership of which includes mandatory third party liability insurance. The APA course includes complimentary student membership that covers the ground training and your Level 1 skydive. Subsequent jumps will require students to convert to **full membership**, the cost of which is payable direct to British Skydiving. Details of membership fees are available on their website:

<https://britishskydiving.org/membership/>

We hope we have answered all your questions and that you are now fully prepared for your new adventure. However, should there be any additional information you require, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to welcoming you to Skydive Netheravon very soon!

Guest Proforma –

This form needs to be completed and returned to officeadmin@netheravon.com no later than the Wednesday before you are due to jump!

It is important that every-one attending the site brings photo ID with them. Entry will be refused without ID/Booking.

Each skydive participant will be permitted 4 spectators. Any under 16's can be in addition but must be annotated.

NAME	Vehicle details (if not in same vehicle)

Alternatively, please look out for an email on the Monday before your jump with a digital form that can be completed to save printing/emailing!