



Paragliding/Hang-gliding

Flying in the Ziller valley is possible the whole year round-both independently or as a tandem passenger with an experienced pilot. Almost all cable cars are open in summer and winter though in the time between seasons they are mostly closed for maintenance.

Of course there are also plenty of start points which can be accessed by public transport, car or taxi.

The wind system in the Ziller Valley is very unique. This can be felt most intensely in the months from June to September. The wind strata in the valley can reach 1600m NN, almost 1000m thick. The wind strength is of course dependent on the day and can be 30-40 km/H. The daily wind flow is not always related to the time of day. The wind from the mountain mouth (North) starts at around midday and reaches its peak at around 5.00 p.m. This valley wind system is not taken into consideration by the local weather forecast! If you are using a low-lying start point the valley wind system can differ especially greatly from the main wind direction.

Be careful of the Föhn winds especially on the Penken!! The Ziller Valley has the second most frequent occurrence of „Föhn“ storms after the Wipp Valley close to Innsbruck(Süd). The „Föhn“ wind is most common in spring and autumn. The winds that follow storms on summer days when the weather is very changeable are dangerous in the surrounding valleys. If there is a storm in the Achen Valley cold air flows into the Ziller Valley. In this case there can be a cloudless sky but the cold wind still presses forward to Mayrhofen.

Start Points

Penken Nord-Mayrhofen

2010 m NN (GPS N 47.10.543 / E 011.49.032)

Startrichtung: O-N

Ascend with the Penken and then higher with the Kombibahn. The start point is just to the right of the Kombibahn lift station.

Warning: do not fly over the chairlift!

Penken Süd-Mayrhofen

2050m NN Knorren

Startrichtung: S

Ascend with the Penken and then higher with the Kombibahn. Walk along route 23. In the direction of the Penkenjoch (about 10 mins.) Start from the opposite the Knorren lift.

Warning: Only use with enough upcurrent – steep take off! Only for experienced pilots.

Perler

1150m NN (GPS N 47.11.984 / E 011.50.665)

Start direction: SO-NO

The start point is in the direction of the Höhenstraße shortly before the church Perler. Get a day's flying permit from the Melchboden Kiosk, Gasthaus Roswitha or Zillertaler Flugschule.

Warning: Observe a safe distance from houses and electric cables.

Arbiskopf

2015 m NN (GPS N 47.13.118 / E 011.49.452)

Start direction: SW-NO

The start point above the Melchboden kiosk can only be used with S-SW winds.

A popular training start point for flight schools. No charge for independent fliers.

Warning: Observe a safe distance from houses and electric cables!



Landing Sites

[Sidan-Schwendau](#)

620m NN (GPS N 47.11.613 / E 011.51.905)

Vorwiegen Schulungslandeplatz, keine Landegebühr für Freiflieger

[Bruggerstube - Hollenzen](#)

600m NN (GPS N 47.11.968 / E 011.52.063)

Free landing fee for all fliers.

Warning: High voltage power lines to the west and domestic power lines to the east. In between is around 1,5 km to land in.

[Landeplatz Edenlehen - Mayrhofen](#)

650m NN (GPS N 47.09.674 / E 011.51.270)

Landing permits can be obtained in Hotel Edenlehen.

Warning: west of the Umfahrungsstraße road is an electric transformer station.