

The Slochd

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Site Name: Carn nam Bain tighearna. (The Slochd)
Altitude: 634m
Grid Ref: NH 847 253 /284738,825328 [Streetmap Link](#)
Direction: South through to South West

Hazards: Venturi in the road cutting; Rotor above the quarry; Low flying jets; Inverness Airport Traffic Reporting point overhead giving height restriction.

Description: The Slochd is convenient for Inverness or Aviemore based pilots and is easily accessible, lying immediately above the A9. Approach by parking on the old road signposted Slochd (grid ref: 284759,823908), crossing the A9 and heading directly up the hillside. The Slochd works reliably in a southerly wind, but there are a number of hazards to be wary of. In particular, watch out for rotor/ turbulence above the old quarry/ road cutting and be careful not to push too far to the north when soaring here. When bottom landing, be sure to allow plenty of space to land on the heathery slope and do not attempt to land on the far side of the A9. Although well outside the Highland Restricted Area (HRA), this area can also be very busy with low flying military jets.