

Bath Gap – activation Guide

Listen to Gliding Activity Status telephone 01275 473820

Authorised person to telephone Watch Manager and request activation.
01275 473857 / 3712. Mob; 07887754457

Agree Specified Opening Time window with Watch Manager. (Once the activation is agreed and broadcast it cannot be closed any earlier – we are all stuck with it open, even if the weather turns bad etc.)

Bristol ATC leave message on Ext: 3820 of specified opening time window.
(EG; “The Bath gap is open today 13th March, from 1200 local to 1600 local”.)

At the agreed opening time - ATIS message broadcasts closing time.
(EG: “Gliding Activity, The Bath Gap is open until 16.00 local.”)

Glider pilots listen to ATIS to confirm Bristol QNH.
(Freq; 126.025 or Telephone 08448481022 local call rate.)

At the end of the Specified Opening Time, Bristol Radar broadcasts “Bath Gap closing”; gliders leave controlled airspace or contact Bristol Radar for transit.

RT equipped gliders can request transit of any part of Bristol controlled airspace at any time. (Freq: 125.650). Surprisingly, this is the Bristol ATC preferred method of transit!!

Subsequent authorised persons can request to amend the Bath Gap opening times by contacting the Watch Manager. (See above).

All activations shall be commensurate with fair and flexible use of airspace.
(IE: Activated when likely to be in the Bath area above altitude 3500 feet, but not activated when ridge running at ten feet AGL!?!?)