

Safe shared airspace - **RAF Leeming**

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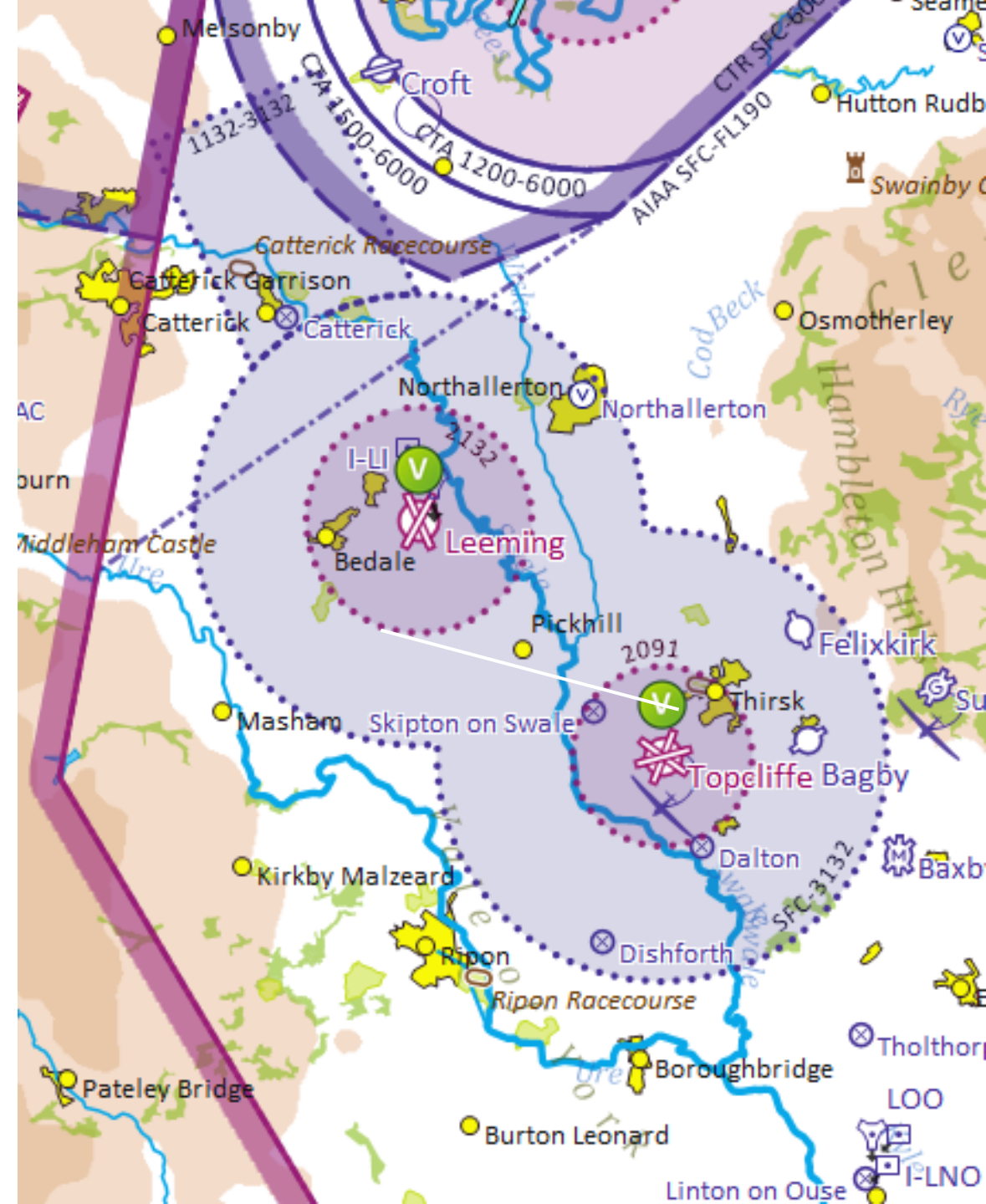
Leeming

RAF Leeming has an ATZ and MATZ. Note the adjacent MATZ around Topcliffe.

RAF Leeming is an active airfield operating resident fast jet (generally Mon-Fri) and piston training aircraft (any day including weekends).

There is an ongoing programme of training exercises involving visiting military aeroplanes and helicopters operating in and out of RAF Leeming (see NOTAMs).

Topcliffe is primarily used by Air Cadet gliding. It may be used for other military flying subject to NOTAM



Hazards?

Hawks and Hunters based at Leeming, as well as other jet aircraft, generally require more space to manoeuvre than the average GA aircraft.

The Leeming based piston engine training aircraft are used extensively for aerobatics, particularly on weekends.

The pilots of visiting foreign aircraft may be unfamiliar with UK airspace use.

The MoD's new ATC radar system has a higher filter speed than previously experienced.

Any passing aircraft that adds itself to the mix without communicating potentially increases the mid-air collision risk.



Help to mitigate the risk

We all know that a MATZ is a military airspace construct. HOWEVER, it is a volume of airspace utilised by military aircraft when the associated airfield is active.

Local gliding clubs have an excellent ongoing relationship with RAF Leeming, with a mutual aim of reducing the risk of mid-air conflict.

RAF Leeming uses Pilot Aware ATOM to help to increase its situational awareness of non-transponder traffic. Whatever Electronic Conspicuity equipment you have, e.g. Transponder, FLARM, or Pilot Aware, **please ensure that it is operating.**

All glider pilots **are strongly encouraged** to communicate by radio with Leeming ATC with registration, position and intention when they expect to fly near to, above or in the Leeming MATZ including stubs.

As ever, check NOTAMs - including for additional military activity at Leeming, Topcliffe, and Dishforth.



More information

[BGA maintaining safe airspace information](#)