



**LOCAL REGULATIONS**  
**FAI CIVL Category 2 Event PG/HG Cross Country**



**X-Lakes 2026 - Two Day Challenge (10th Edition)**  
June 18 - 21, United Kingdom Grasmere

Event Name:	X-Lakes 2026 - Two Day Challenge (10th Edition)
Dates:	18 - 21 June 2026
Alternate dates:	Not defined
Place:	United Kingdom, near Grasmere
Webpage:	<a href="https://airtribune.com/xl26-2day/">https://airtribune.com/xl26-2day/</a>
Sanctioned by:	United Kingdom - Royal Aero Club Of The United Kingdom Ltd
Guest NAC:	

## ORGANISATION

## CONTACTS

NAME	RESPONSABILITY	CIVL No	CONTACT
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## PROGRAMME

Wednesday 17 June

12:00 Arrival at Grasmere Show Ground

- Collect wristbands from main office
- Choose your camping pitch
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for setup
- Free flying available all day

Thursday 18 June

17:00-19:00 Registration (main office)

19:30 Event Briefing: Weather, routes, tracking demo, safety systems, local knowledge



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Friday 19 June

- 06:30 Collect GPS trackers (main office)
- 07:30 Confirmatory briefing (if needed, via Telegram)
- 08:00 Challenge START – Sign inboard (block capitals)
- 21:00 Flying CEASES
- 22:00 Two-day competitors: Report position via Telegram

Saturday 20 June

- 07:00 Two-day RESTART (return to previous position)
- 17:00 Two-day FINISH – Sign inboard
- Withdrawals: Notify via Telegram + sign inboard (failure triggers rescue)
- 18:00-19:00 Evening meal + raffle (all welcome)
- 19:00-20:00 Prize giving
- 20:00-22:00 Entertainment

Sunday 21 June

- 09:00 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for de-camp + free flying

### **SCORING CATEGORIES**

### **SELECTION AND REQUIREMENTS**

**Maximum No of Pilots: 50**

Selection Criteria:

X-Lakes Entry Process

XC competitors require a Pilot Rating: BHPA pilot rating or IPPI level 4 (by 18 June 2026). Confirm via the registration poll.

Entry limits

50 places max for the Two Day Challenge. Organisers reserve wildcard spots. Successful entrants make a charitable donation within 2 weeks or lose their place to the waiting list.



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The X-Lakes hike and fly challenges are now officially Cumbria Soaring Club events and will again run alongside the LCC. They overlap with the LCC events so it is not possible to take part in both.

### Requirements and safety

- Upload photos of both sides of your BHPA card (or international equivalent) to [john.westall@gmail.com](mailto:john.westall@gmail.com) after registering.
- New competitors must send me a reference of their flying and mountaineering experience. Returning X-Lakes competitors can skip this.
- All pilots need BHPA insurance (first 5 international pilots covered at £60).
- Complete “assumption of risk” form at registration.

### Recommended safety gear

- Satellite beacon (InReach/SPOT) for poor mobile coverage.
- Register with Puretrack.io and join: <https://puretrack.io/g/x-lakes-two-day>

### Communication groups (join all):

- Official Competitors: <https://t.me/+t9vPlzuFibNhOGJK>
- Competitors Chat: [https://t.me/+YOQDeiH\\_V91hZjBk](https://t.me/+YOQDeiH_V91hZjBk)
- Admin Briefing: <https://t.me/+vt3WGPbZEMhiMDNk>

Cumbria Soaring Club members get a donation discount. Entry includes Saturday night meal.

## DOCUMENTS REQUIRED AT REGISTRATION

REQUIRED	NOT REQUIRED
Sporting Licence is Required	
IPPI card is Required	
Pilots National Licence is Required	
Registration document is Required	
Signed Assumption of Risk is Required	
	Summary of Pilot experience is Not Required
	Passport or other Photo ID is Not Required
	3rd Party Insurance is Not Required
	Medical and Rescue insurance is Not Required

## ENTRY FEES AND SERVICES PROVIDED



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ACCEPTED	NOT ACCEPTED
	Paypal payments are not accepted
	Cash payments are not accepted
	Bank payments are not accepted
The Entry Fee per pilot is:	95 GBP

### **CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY**

No refunds on charitable donations if entrants cancel.

Full refunds offered if organisers cancel more than 4 weeks before the event (or entrants may donate their fee to charity).

The event runs regardless of weather.

### **SERVICES INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY FEE**

ITEM	INCLUDED
ID Card with safety & Contact information	no
Maps with take-offs, turnpoints, landings, restricted areas	no
Lunch Packs are supplied	no
Ballast Water at launch available	no
Toilets at launch available	no
Transport to launch given	no
GPS tracklog download available	YES
Live Tracking available	YES
Free WiFi at HQ for pilots from 1990s available	no
Opening ceremony	no
Closing ceremony	YES
Daily Met briefings	YES
Retrieve by organiser included	no
Happy pilots drinking beer in goal	no
We supply the pilots with trackers	YES

### **MEDICAL SERVICES AVAILABLE**

Medics on launch - No

ITEM	INCLUDED
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Medics on Launch	no
Helicopter rescue in the region	no
Helicopter attendance time	NA
The nearest hospital is	not known or not available

### LIVE TRACKING

Live-tracking is mandatory	YES
Live Trackers supplied by the Organiser	YES

### SCORING

The scoring formula is not yet decided	Not yet decided
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### COMPLAINTS AND PROTESTS

Complaints will be dealt with as per the FAI SPoring Code, Section 7 and its sub-catogories

### OTHER LOCAL RULES

The Two Day Challenge is an approximately 24 hour, race to goal event that follows the Bob Graham Round route in a clockwise direction. Final timings will be confirmed by the race director at the Thursday evening briefing, but competitors should plan on the following schedule.

- Start from 08:00 on Friday, hike and fly until 22:00
- Cease flying by 21:00 on Friday, with rest from 22:00
- Restart at 07:00 on Saturday
- Finish back at Grasmere no later than 17:00 on Saturday

The Bob Graham route reference:

<https://explore.osmaps.com/route/4946043/robs-bob-graham-round?lat=54.53809&lon=-3.49369&zoom=9.9068&style=9>

Course and waypoints

The full course consists of all five legs of the Bob Graham Round, starting and finishing at Grasmere Show Ground. The intersection onto the course is at Dunmail Raise.

- Waypoints must be tagged in order
- The first waypoint is Steel Fell and the last waypoint is Seat Sandal before returning to the finish
- All competitors start together, and the winner is the pilot who completes the full course first, starting and finishing at Grasmere Show Ground



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### General rules

1. Travel is only permitted on foot or by paraglider within race times.
2. No other form of transport is allowed within race times.
3. Turn points can be tagged on foot or in the air and must be tagged in order.
4. Each pilot is responsible for their own route between waypoints and for all decisions to fly.
5. Pilots may have assistants, but they are not permitted to carry any of the equipment listed in the mandatory flying kit. All equipment must be carried at all times.
6. Do not deliberately fly in cloud to gain an advantage.

### Flying equipment

All flying equipment must be homologated, airworthy, BHPA approved and comply with the latest editions of the following EN or LTF certification standards.

- Paraglider: EN 926 2 and EN 926 1, or LTF 91/09, with aspect ratio under 7.2
- Harness: EN 1651 with certified protection, or LTF 91/09
- Emergency parachute: EN 12491 or LTF 91/09
- Helmet: EN 966; snowboarding helmets certified to EN 1077 are also accepted
- CCC paragliders are not permitted

### Tracking and responsibilities

All participants will receive the Bob Graham peak waypoints in advance and will be tracked and scored using GPS tracking devices. The decision to participate, run, walk or fly, and how to manage risk on the hill and in the air, remains the sole responsibility of each competitor.

All competitors must abide by the FAI Sporting Code Section 7L – Class O Paragliding Hike & Fly Paragliders Class 3.

The task committee may adjust or update these rules at its discretion, and any changes will be communicated as early as possible to all registered participants.