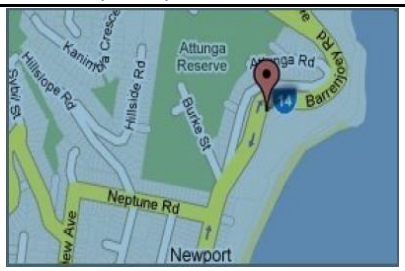
Site Guide: Newport (Paragliders) otherwise known as Eric Green Reserve

Ideal Wind Direction	South to South East	
Height	80' / 25m AMSL	
Type	Small coastal cliff plus high coastal hill.	
Rating	PG5. PG4 in front of the road. PG 3 under SO, SSO or Instructor only PG2 under Instructor or SSO only	
Coordinates	33.649:S, 151.3248:E	
Comments	This site has two halves, the section below the road (PG4 & below), and the much larger hill above (PG5).	
Location		North end of Newport Beach. No parking on the ocean side of Barrenjoey road next to the park entrance. Check the signs for parking restrictions. Metered parking in Newport Beach carpark.
Description	A South to South East facing cliff, with a grassy park above the beach.	
Takeoff	Grassy Take off area. Be aware of pedestrians & cyclists on the path behind. Because of the height of the hill behind, the launch can be in a bit of wind shadow. If there are white caps inside of Newport reef it's too strong for Paragliders. When the breeze is too far to the south for safe soaring, 'darkies' appear on the water behind Bungan Headland. PG5 - Don't cross over the road until you have 100' (30m) above it. Keep in mind that the only safe landing option is the beach. PG5 pilots who go into the bowl west of launch and south of the water tank should exercise caution.	
Landing	On the beach. Top landing is not recommended as the trees have grown up, proximity to the road & power lines behind. The football field is not a landing option because of power lines and rotor.	
Restrictions	Lower Level of controlled airspace is at 2500’. 100' clearance required to fly over the road and houses.	

Hazards	The launch is very small with trees close by, you need to be good at ground handling to fly this site. Be aware of pedestrians & cyclists on the path at launch. There is a sewer vent pipe below launch. There are power lines on the side of Barrenjoey road. Compression / venturi in the bowl as wind increases. Care should be taken in going too far north of launch with respect to penetrating back to the beach in strong wind.
Alt Sites	Turimetta (PG4), Mona Vale Headland PG4, Long Reef South East (PG2 under supervision of SO)

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