

# Gliding Over Lough Derg



Approximately eight club gliding dates were scheduled across the summer months from May to September. A meet took place on all of these dates, although flying was not possible on some of the earlier dates due to poor weather conditions (e.g. low cloud obscuring the flying site).

A good number of models were flown including small two metre class gliders and impressive four metre scale and acrobatic models. Models ranged from simple rudder / elevator types to 'full-house' models with air-brakes, flaps, crow-configurations and everything except a waving pilot!

The flying site is located on Tountinna, a peak of some 465 metres (c. 1500 feet) in the Arra mountains, Co. Tipperary. Access to the site is quite convenient, the peak being served by a sometimes narrow but reasonably surfaced road. Journey time is approximately forty-five minutes from Limerick City. From the peak excellent views can be had of Lough Derg and the surrounding countryside.

A short stop in Ryan's pub for hot whiskey (*purely to restore the body temperature*) rounded off each of the dates.

***Many thanks to Gerry Buckley for organising the dates and to all the club members who travelled to take part.***

