



Training at Lookout Mountain Flight Park FAQ Page for VA Grant Recipients

• Why hang gliding?

Hang gliding lets you get as close to flying like a bird as possible! The sport is a great fit for military members and offers unlimited opportunities to challenge yourself, travel around the world, and develop a close camaraderie with a diverse community of people.

• Can I become a hang glider pilot?

Hang gliding is a physical and challenging sport. We want to ensure that all our students are able to complete their training, safely. Our staff members are here to discuss the physical and mental requirements for training at LMFP so that you can determine if any disability may impact your ability to complete the training. If our staff members determine that the necessary requirements cannot be met for the package you want, we will work to accommodate your needs as much as possible and find an option that will work for you.

We offer multiple options here at LMFP and want to find the best fit for everyone. We have videos of our training options, which may be helpful to watch as a first step: <https://www.flylookout.com/learn>. Call our office at 706-383-1292 with any questions or to discuss the training options with us!

• What is covered at LMFP under the VA Grant?

All learn-to-fly [hang gliding packages](#) up to the H2 level are included, along with our discovery tandem flights:

- VIP Hang Gliding Package: \$1,899
- Aerotow VIP Hang Gliding Package: \$1,799
- Eagle Hang Gliding Package: \$999
- Hang One Hang Gliding Package: \$499
- Weekend Hang Gliding Package: \$399
- Introductory Experience: \$249-325
- Discovery Tandem to 3,000 Feet: \$249
- Discovery Tandem to 1,500 Feet: \$149



Equipment rentals are included as part of all training packages (introductory and above), only, while you are actively completing this training. Once you have finished your package and/or received the title of solo H2 hang gliding pilot, it will be your responsibility to discuss the option of purchasing further rental equipment or purchasing your own, personal equipment. To see a breakdown of all packages and the items they include, click [HERE](#).

• **What is NOT included in the VA Grant?**

Paragliding packages at LMFP will not be available to you as a package option. Accommodations before, during, or after training and gear/equipment purchases are NOT included as part of the grant.

• **What is the process to check eligibility for the VA Grant?**

The first step is to complete the online USHPA form, which will ask basic questions about your training preferences (including your school preference) and your eligibility to receive VA disability benefits.

The completed form will go directly to the USHPA, who will respond to you via email once they have approved your request. You will then reach out to us here at LMFP in order to get scheduled. You will have to call or email us to schedule (booking through the grant cannot be done online).

• **When does my training have to be completed?**

The grant covers training up until September 30, 2021. You need to be at least halfway done through the package by that date, and, if you still have remaining items left at that point, you have years to complete them with us at LMFP.

• **What does a typical day of training look like?**

All learn-to-fly packages begin with Beginner Ground School, which is your first lesson in hang gliding. It begins at 7:30 am EST at our Pro Shop. It does need to be scheduled at least a day in advance and is offered every Thursday through Monday morning (pending availability). When you arrive at 7:30, you will meet with your instructor and complete the necessary paperwork. You then follow the instructor down to our training hills to begin the lesson. Please note that you will need your own car for transportation and that there is a bumpy, gravel road that leads to our training hills.



Ground School is typically finished by 11 am-12 pm depending on weather conditions. We then recommend that all students schedule an instructional tandem for the late afternoon/early evening. We reserve the last tandem flight time for students, as conditions are typically smoothest.

This schedule does leave you time in the afternoon to rest and relax, explore the area, and begin studying for your tests. There are multiple written tests (multiple choice and short answer) that you are required to pass to earn your USHPA ratings. All test administration and scheduling are handled in our Pro Shop. Upon starting your package, you will receive our New Student Package, which includes specific, detailed information on how training will continue here at LMFP, and it will include helpful study materials for the tests and further requirements so that you feel confident and are fully prepared for your journey with LMFP.

• What happens after I complete my training?

We hope that you love the sport as much as we do and continue to fly! As a USHPA rated pilot, you can continue to fly with us at LMFP and at other appropriately rated flying sites around the world.

All Learn-to-Fly Packages (Eagle and VIP Package) come with 3-months free of a Flight Park Pass (Club Membership) with LMFP. This pass starts the day that you have your first solo mountain launch off of our 1340-foot ramp.

To continue to fly with us at LMFP after this 3-Month period is up, you would need to have a current flight pass, which is \$200 per year and gives you access to our facilities. We, also, have shorter-term options available to you. You would, also, need to keep your USHPA ratings active. When you choose a VIP Package, your first year of USHPA membership and rating fees are completely covered. Should you wish to remain an active USHPA Member, which is required in order to fly in the United States, you would need to renew your membership each year after which will cost you \$150 per year.