

Tandem Skydive - venturetrust

Skydive St Andrews, Fife Airport, Glenrothes

FAQs

Where does the skydive take place?

The Venture Trust skydive takes place at Skydive St Andrews which is located at Fife Airport in Glenrothes, to the south west of the town. For directions, please refer to the map provided when you reserve your place. For sat-nav users the postcode is KY6 2SZ.

Are there minimum/maximum age limits?

The minimum age for skydivers is 16, anyone under 18 must have their parent or legal guardian sign the permission section of the BPA Membership Agreement form which is attached. In addition, it is a requirement that the same parent or legal guardian signs the Declaration of Fitness as the Witness. There is no maximum age although anyone over 40 will need a signed declaration from their doctor and persons over the age of 70 are required to contact the Chief Instructor at Skydive St Andrews prior to booking.

Are there any weight or height restrictions?

For safety reasons, strict weight restrictions have been put in place by Skydive St Andrews based on their risk assessment. Any person exceeding these weight limits will unfortunately be unfit for tandem jumping. Your weight should be roughly in proportion to your height. 14 stone (89kgs), is the maximum permitted weight.

Do I need to be really fit or healthy to do a tandem skydive?

You don't need to be super fit but you should be in generally good health. You'll need to have good use of your arms and legs. The principal medical restrictions for all jumps are diabetes, epilepsy, fits, recurrent blackouts, heart or lung disease, mental illness and some cases of asthma. You will be required to sign a medical form before your jump declaring your fitness to take part – this will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation form but is also available on request. Those under the age of 18 will need the medical form signed by a parent or guardian; those aged 40 and over, or those with a medical condition, will need it signed by their doctor. If you are in any doubt about your suitability to jump please contact Skydive St Andrews on 01592 882400.

How safe is parachuting?

This is the most common questions asked and one of the most complex to answer. Like any sport, there is always an element of risk. The British Parachute Association features a great section on answering this question on their website - www.bpa.org.uk/staysafe/how-safe. In short – tandem jumps are the safest, and the highly-experienced instructors at Skydive St Andrews always have safety as their top priority.

How fast do you travel?

In freefall – the period between jumping from the aircraft and opening the parachute – you'll travel through the air at approximately 120 miles per hour for 30 seconds. Your instructor will then open the parachute and control the speed of the descent back to the ground.



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What about insurance?

You will automatically be covered for up to £2,000,000 third party insurance through your temporary membership to the BPA (form attached). This does not however, cover you for personal injury and you are therefore strongly advised to arrange special personal cover for yourself.

What happens if the weather's poor on the day?

If it's your first visit you are still required to turn up for the initial training even if you believe the weather forecast is poor. However if you are travelling a long distance, have been trained by Skydive St Andrews within the last 3 months, and there is a unfavourable forecast, you can phone the skydive centre at 8.45am on the day of your booking and they will advise you on the likelihood of your skydive.

Will I definitely jump on the day I have booked?

Skydive St Andrews will do their best to ensure you jump on the day booked but there are occasions when due to circumstances beyond their control (such as bad weather) the jump is cancelled. You should therefore realise that you may have to come back one or more times in order to make your jump. Tandem jumps are valid for 1 year and are not transferable. Refunds are not given on the basis that if you were not able to jump due to bad weather, you will be expected to keep coming back until the jump is made (most people do get to jump on their first visit and the vast majority within 3 visits).

What happens if I don't show up when I'm booked to?

If you fail to turn up and you have not notified Skydive St Andrews beforehand then you will be marked as a "no show". This is because they are losing out on a jump slot which could have been filled by someone else. You will be able to rebook to another date but Skydive St Andrews reserve the right to apply a small additional charge.

What happens on the day?

You should arrive at the airfield no later than 8.30am on the day of your jump. Even if the forecast doesn't look good you should still go to the airfield as forecasts are not always accurate and weather could change.

On arrival you will need to complete some paperwork. A 20-30 minute briefing will follow this. Once completed you will be ready to jump. The jump order will be done on a first come basis. Remember there may be delays due to weather and it might be late afternoon/early evening before you jump.

There are toilets available on site and there is a restaurant/café in the main airport building which serves snacks, meals and drinks.



Can friends/family come and watch?

Yes! You are welcome to bring along family and friends to watch you jump. So that everyone can enjoy the experience Skydive St Andrews ask that few simple rules be adhered to, these apply to the compound and the road outside:

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- Spectators should stay within the designated viewing areas
- Dogs should be kept on a lead at all times
- Cars should be parked in the designated area
- Due to the area being adjacent to the active airfield no ball games are permitted

What should I wear on the day?

Warm comfortable clothing and suitable footwear such as trainers. Jeans are not recommend. A jump suit and hat will be provided along with protective goggles.

How much do I need to raise for Venture Trust?

£500 which includes the £70 advanced donation made when booking to secure your place. The table below gives you a guide as to how much you need to raise and by when:

Advanced donation to secure your place	£70
Amount of sponsorship due seven days prior to jump	£330
Remaining sponsorship due within 30 days of your completed skydive	£100
TOTAL sponsorship	£500

We recommend setting up either a Virgin Money Giving or JustGiving online fundraising page. This means that you can promote your skydive via email and social media while not having to chase people for money or be concerned about handling large amounts of cash. The money raised is automatically transferred to Venture Trust.

You can also send us your sponsorship money via cheque made payable to 'Venture Trust'. We do not recommend that cash is sent via post but can be handed in to our Edinburgh office (open 9am-5pm, Mon-Fri).

What does my sponsorship include?

Your sponsorship covers the cost of your skydive and temporary membership of the British Parachute Association (which in turn automatically covers you for third party liability as stated above). It also includes a minimum donation to Venture Trust of £230, however, the more you raise the more we receive and the more people we can help!



I'm worried about reaching the fundraising target – can you help?

When you pay your advanced donation and book your place we will send you a fundraising pack with ideas and tips for how to reach the fundraising target. Sponsorship is a great way to raise funds but you could also hold a bake sale, have a car boot, organise a dress-down (or dress-up!) day at work or ask your local pub to hold a pub quiz to help you reach your target.

Get in touch with us if you have any questions about the skydive, fundraising or Venture Trust – 0131 228 7700 / funding@venturetrust.org.uk