



# **MONTE GRAPPA HIKE & FLY PATENT REGULATIONS**

## **INITIATIVE FOR PARAGLIDING PILOTS**

This initiative is organized and promoted by the Consorzio Vivere il Grappa. It is not a competition but a personal challenge: each pilot can freely choose the days and routes throughout the year, starting from January 15th, 2025.

The organization suggests the following modalities for enjoying the Monte Grappa Hike & Fly Patent and sets out the guidelines to be followed for carrying out this activity, as outlined in this regulation:

### **HOW**

On foot with your own equipment on your back, without assistance and without using other means of transport to the take-off point.

### **WHERE**

In order to obtain the Patent, you must complete routes within the territories of Semonzo del Grappa, Borso del Grappa, and Romano D'Ezzelino.

- 2 starting points: Garden Relais and Antica Abbazia
- 14 trails of varying difficulty: 2 very easy, 8 of moderate difficulty, and 4 of high difficulty. The trail map can be downloaded from the dedicated page on the [www.vivereilgrappa.com](http://www.vivereilgrappa.com) website or by scanning the QR code from the Hike&Fly bulletin board.
- Each trail leads to one of the 6 take-offs managed by the Consorzio Vivere il Grappa: Costalunga (or Antenne), Campeggia, Stella, da Bepi (or Tappeti), Casette, and Panettone.
- The arrival point is one of the 2 landing sites managed by the Consorzio Vivere il Grappa: Garden Relais and Paradiso.

### **WHEN**

The initiative starts on February 1<sup>st</sup> and lasts for 12 months: you can choose the day and the route in complete freedom.

### **REGISTRATION**

Participation is reserved for adult pilots, in possession of:

- Paragliding license
- Valid medical certificate
- Valid third-party liability insurance policy
- Valid flycard

You may be asked to show these documents at the time of registration. Make sure you have a paper or digital copy on hand.

It is mandatory, in order to register, to fill the following google form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfX-aezjaS80uOoJKVHyJmx3XrdpT48fxS6hvpoV-2THSC93g/viewform>

## **PARTICIPATION FEE**

A participation fee of 20 euros is required: this amount includes the distribution of a pocket map where it will be possible to visualize the 14 routes chosen by the organization, the take-offs, and the landings. You will also be able to write your personal notes about the experience on it. At the end of the sports season, there will be a gathering during which prizes and gadgets will be distributed.

Payment is required by credit card via this link: <https://flycard.vivereilgrappa.it/services>

## **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

The pilot must be equipped with suitable equipment for both mountain hiking and flying. Flight equipment must be certified by recognized bodies; specifically, each pilot must have: helmet (EN 966 and EN 1077), harness with protection (EN 1651 – LTF 91/09), paraglider (EN 926/2, EN 926/1 – LTF 91/09), reserve parachute (EN 12491 – LTF 91/09). The pilot must be equipped with a GPS device for recording the route (both on foot and in flight). In addition, the pilot must have a mobile phone, obviously charged and enabled for voice and data traffic in Italy, to report any emergencies.

## **PATENT TYPES**

Based on the number of completed routes, you can obtain one of the 3 Montegrappa Hike&Fly Patents:

- **Bronze:** complete 6 ascents, including at least one arrival at the Panettone take-off.
- **Silver:** complete 10 ascents, including at least two arrivals at the Panettone take-off.
- **Gold:** complete all 14 ascents.

## **TRACK VALIDATION**

To validate your chosen route, you must record the **entire track via GPS** in GPX format, including both the hiking and the flying sections.

Please register on the platform <https://www.hikeandfly.app/vivereilgrappa/hf> and upload the GPS track of your completed route.

In case of technical issues or difficulties during the upload process, please send an email to [brevettohf@vivereilgrappa.it](mailto:brevettohf@vivereilgrappa.it) including:

- First and last name
- Date of the activity
- Route number
- Attached GPX and/or IGC file

## **Technical Requirements & Procedures:**

- **Single File:** The hiking and flying sections must be recorded in a **single file**. If needed, you can merge GPX and/or IGC tracks using the tools available on the H&F platform.
- **Unfavorable Weather:** If, upon reaching the take-off site, weather conditions are not suitable for flight, you are permitted to continue on foot to another official take-off, provided you keep recording the GPS track.

- **Landing Off-Target:** If the flight ends away from the designated arrival point (Garden Relais or Paradiso), you may complete the route on foot while continuing to record the track.
- **Important:** Completing the entire route **exclusively on foot** is **not permitted**.

## GENERAL WARNINGS

It is advisable to make the ascents in company if you are not too experienced and on days with favourable weather. Adequate preparation and physical condition are recommended. Pay attention to weather conditions. It is advisable to bring an adequate water supply for the type of route chosen and a food supply (bars, gels, etc.). It is also useful to have an impermeable jacket suitable for withstanding adverse weather conditions in the mountains and poles for the more demanding climbs; it is also advisable to have a mobile phone in case of emergency.

The 14 climbs take place in natural parks and fully protected ecosystems. Everyone must behave in a respectful manner towards the environment, avoiding in particular littering, picking flowers, or disturbing the fauna.

Considering the peculiarity of the Montegrappa Hike&Fly Patent, which offers some passages inside trenches, sanctuaries, etc., it is requested to maintain a congruent and respectful behaviour during these crossings of the sacred places. In particular, the crossing of the Ossario di Cima Grappa requires silent and non-noisy behaviour. Failure to comply with this rule will subject the participant to any disciplinary sanctions by the Ministry of Defense, which oversees the site through the military stationed there.

Any national, provincial, and/or municipal regulation takes precedence and the initiative will follow and respect all updates accordingly, therefore all the prescribed behavioural rules must be respected. Failure to comply with any rule will place only the participant under any sanctions deriving from their free behaviour.

The organizers assume no responsibility for any damage suffered or caused, nor for injuries that participants may incur during the activities as suggested above. Voluntary registration for the Montegrappa Hike&Fly Patent indicates full acceptance of these regulations and any amendments. By registering, the participant releases the organizers from any civil or criminal liability for damage to persons or property caused by or suffered by him/her.

## INFO POINTS

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