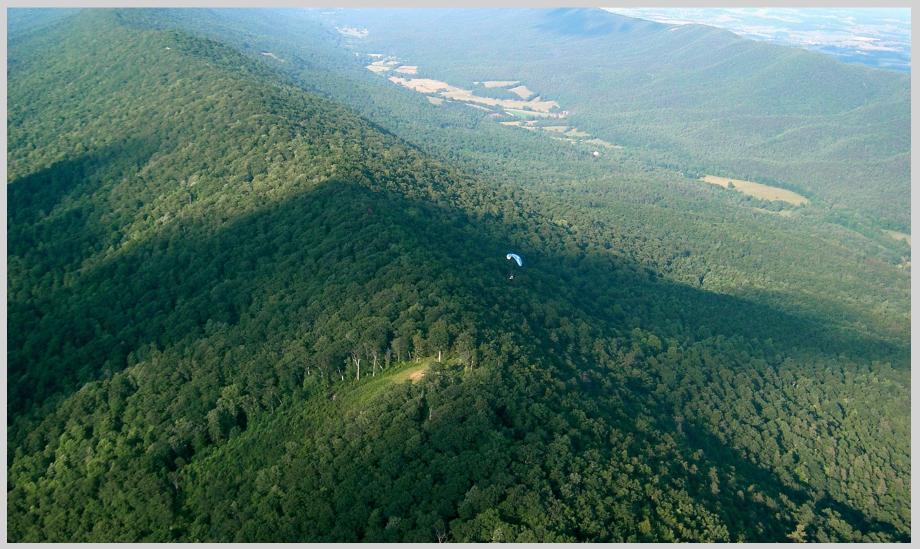


Building Jim Bogle's Big Walker Launch Site 2003



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This is the 4th Launch Site on Big Walker Mountain since the early Skywackers first starting flying near Bland, Va. When the landowner of the 3rd launch site (adjacent to the road) closed the site, Jim Bogle, the Landing Zone owner, developed a plan to create the current launch site. A permit was obtained from the Forest Service to build a road on Forest Service property (on the back side of the mountain) to access Jim's property further down the ridge. Individual pilots and the Skywacker Club donated over \$10,000 towards the cost of building the site, and the majority of the labor to develop it.

The biggest contributor of all was Jim Bogle - without his vision, dedication to free flight, and land - none of this would have been possible, and Big Walker would have been lost as a flying site.

Jim, thanks for keeping the dream alive!!



March 2003 - Locating and Laying Out the Site



The Cutting Begins - March 21, 2003





The Road Building Begins

























April 2003 - The Launch is Cut, Now the Clearing Begins































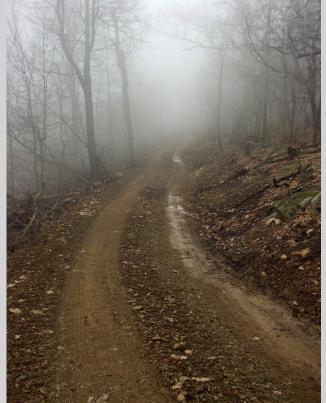
























June 2003













Wood Splitting - October 2003





































Fall 2003



Fall 2005









Spring 2006









November 2007







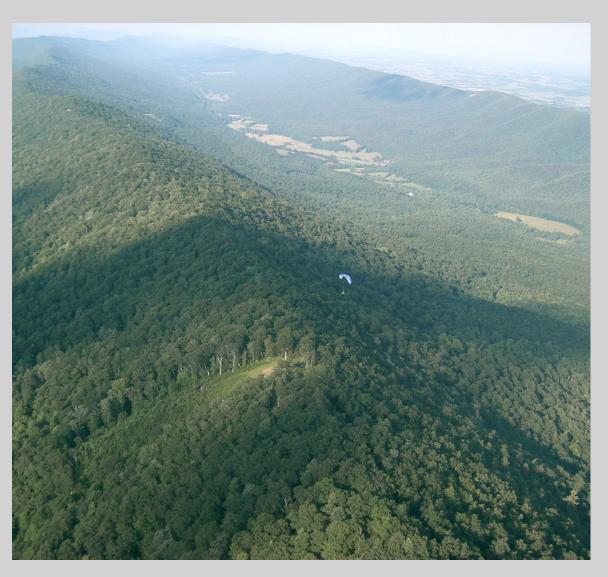






Individual Donors Contributing to Big Walker Launch - 2003

Ricky & Joshua Arnold Wayne Baker Larry Ball Chris & Tammy Bowles Andrew Briggs Kermon Carter Richard & Jean Cobb Steve Conner Jeff Corley Steve Daum Larry Dennis Phil Givens John Grahm **Brent Harsh Danny Hart Bill Jenkins Skyler Kershner Tim Kingsbury** John Lane **Chuck Miller Mike Nester Bert Nunley Jackye Reynolds Steven Roberts Wayne Sayer Tom Slagle Ben Thomas Tom Tucker** Koen Vancampenhoudt



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Individual Donation amounts ranged from \$20 to \$2,000, with 18 contributing \$200 or more

Total Contributions:

Individuals: \$8540 Skywacker Club: \$1500

Randy Newberry

(backhoe & operator): \$2500

Timber Sales: \$1445

Expenses:

Equipment rental	\$5109.44
LaborOperators and helper	\$2364.23
FuelDozer, Backhoe, D.Truck, saws	\$571.20
Gravel	\$635.15
Concrete	\$331.77
Gate	\$365.00
Drain pipe	\$201.69
Choker cable	\$171.38
JimLocks and Permits	\$100.00
Grass seed	\$38.50
Saw repair	\$61.27
Motel for 1st operator	\$40.42
Food for workday	\$60.00
Fare and a f 2002	40.050.05

Expenses at end of 2003 \$10,050.05

Forest Service Road Permit (2004) \$370.00

