

Bitterwasser is not only a good starting point for big and fast flights over Namibia. With the almost three-kilometer-wide pan serving as an airfield, the gliding center offers a high level of safety. Dietmar Spohn appreciated this yesterday: Shortly after taking off he discovered the failure of the water pump of the Arcus M. The coolant temperature shot up to 135 degrees in a few seconds. The remaining runway was already too short for an emergency landing. So Spohn turned 90 degrees and again had a lot of pan as a landing area ahead. Everything went well: a safe landing in the airfield and not in the surrounding Kalahari with bushes and trees and also the engine has survived. A replacement for the defective pump was found in the reserve camp of the center.

The ability to safely reach altitude in powered flight is a great benefit of Bitterwasser. Another is the multitude of landing possibilities, when in the evening almost everyone returns at sunset. The selection of landing strips remains huge. And in the morning the aircraft are placed side by side, so that no one will put dust on the other.



There is a lot of place to land safely in Bitterwasser after a take off.