List of Helicopter Landing Points (LPs) in Western Region

Western Region - Established Helicopter Landing Point Coordinates.

Dhawalagiri (or Dhaualagiri) Zone

1. Baglung District (Baglung)
The Army has 2 x Landing Points:

   Inside perimeter at N28.14.40 E083.28.54 - Altitude 980m
   Outside perimeter at N28.16.34 E083.36.12 - Altitude 987m

Note: There is a Landing Zone at:

Baglung airport (code: BGL), in Balewa, is located 12 km to the south of the town across the valley from Kusma. With the completion of the Pokhara-Baglung highway the airport has fallen into disuse and is now a rough grass football field and has not been used by fixed wing aircraft for 25 years. (see picture). However it has been identified as a central LZ and
This LZ would serve the three very close districts of Kusma, Baglung and Myagdi.
Length: 800m approx.
Direction: N > SN27.244.944 E083.395.8837
Altitude 975m
No wind sock.
The LZ is some 1.5 hrs by road from Baglung but can be reached by Cable Car (and a 15 minute walk) from Kusma - Parbat district. It is 60k from Pokhara.

Cable Car coordinates:
Badlung N28.13.07.823 E083.40.1465

There is a seasonal STOL airstrip at: N28°31'01" - E83°01'59" serving the village of Dhorpatan in the Baglung District.

2. Myagdi District (Beni)
LP. at N28.20.50.44 - E083.33.37.32  alt 3770ft

3. Parbat District (Kusma)

The Army has 1 x Company with an LZ at N28.13.17.82 - E083.41.01.08 Alt 3174 ft

4. Mustang District (Jomsom)

There is a commercial airport at Jomsom. Located at N28.46.56 E83.43.21 with an altitude of 8,800 ft / 2,682 m
Muktinath - Ranipauwa
Ranipauwa is located in the Muktinath Valley at the foot of the Thorong La mountain pass, Mustang. There is an LP at N28.48.57 - E83.52.10 Altitude 3729 m. It is 50 m x 50 m. Frequently in use to bring visitors to the Muktinath temple.

There is a second LP at 3800 m just below the temple, previously used by the Nepal Royal family.
Gandaki Zone

5. Gorkha District (Gorkha) Not covered in this assessment.

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6. Kaski District (Pokhara)

National commercial airport at Pokhara N28.12.00.98 E083.58.51.03
In the process of being upgraded to International, this is expected to take 3 years. (2019)
1 x Battalion Engineers (Airport security)

LP: Nepal Army Western Div. HQ at Pokhara: N28.11.45 - E84.01.55 Alt 780 m

LP: 1x Infantry Battalion at: N28.13.29.29 - E83.59.35.55 Alt 2908 ft

In time of crisis Army Aviation Unit (KTM) will provide to Div. HQ. one Helo. This might be a Puma, Mi 8 or Mi17.

7. Lamjung District (Besisahar)

At (Bhoteodar) N28.09.290 / E084.26.320. (coordinates from roadside), there is a dirt football pitch suitable for helicopter LZ.

At N28.02.257 / E084.27.581 is a LZ previously used by military for relief flights. It is uneven grass and approx. 300 m long. 
Altitude 449 m
Access to LZ by road involves crossing a Bailey Bridge at: N28.02.224 / E 084.27.784.

At 10 km South of Besishahar at N28.11.092 / E084.25.441 there is a Nepalese Army Battalion (Shree Pashupati Prasab barracks) with a large flat dirt football pitch used for Helo LZ. Next to this (South) is a series of covered units which could be used as
warehousing. Currently owned by the Nepal Electricity Authority which also manages the Hydro Electric Damn on the Marsyangdi River 100m N of the Army barracks.

8. Syangja District (Syangja)

No info

9. Tanahun District (Byas)

Issues from the 2015 earthquake were:
Storage facilities and landing zones
The new DDRP will incorporate these in 2 months (June 2016).

10. Manang (Chame)

Army LP at: **N28.33.068 E084.14.172**  Altitude **2745 m**
N.B: Altitudes
The track from Chame to Manang goes via Hongde where there is a commercial airfield located at:

N28.38.25069  E084.0516.983
Lumbini Zone

11. Kapilvastu District (Kapilvastu)

The Army has identified LP’s at 53 village locations (not shared). However there are also LP’s in the 4 Army camps in the district:

Taulihawa - Kapilvastu barracks. Battalion HQ. N27.39.53 - E83.02.38 Alt 370 ft (Night Landing Facility)

Kapilvastu Municipality Army Camp. N27.32.46 - E83.03.21 Alt 360 ft

Buddhabatika Municipality Army Camp. N27.33.53 - E83.02.38 Alt 365 ft

Krishnanagar Municipality Army Camp. N27.30.54 - E82.47.26 Alt 355 ft
12. Nawalparasi District (Parasi)

There are 7 designated Landing Points in the district:

1. Ramgram - Army battalion camp: N27.31.51.27  E83.40.23.23  Altitude 370 ft / 113 m
2. Hattikhor - designated: N27.41.42.12  E84.08.14.76  Alt 425 ft / 130 m
3. Tribeni - designated: N27.27.05.97  E83.55.17.15  Alt 380 ft / 116 m
4. Maheshpur - designated: N27.25.43.31  E83.41.43.45  Alt 330 ft / 101 m
5. Jhyalbas - designated: N27.41.40.63  E84.03.47.95  Alt 410 ft / 125 m
6. Somani VDC - designated: N27.27.02.73  E83.44.46.12  Alt 330 ft /101 m
7. Maulakali Gaidot Hill - des: N27.42.41.13  E84.23.30.23  Alt 560 ft / 171 m

13. Rupandehi District (Siddharthanagar)

LP at CDO compound at: N27.30.13.754 E083.27.06.031 Alt 316
Nepal Army battalion based at Rupandehi with LP at N27.30.24.99 - E83.27.14.46 Alt 345 ft
and a Brigade and Battalion at Butwal where there are two LP’s
Inside Camp: N27.42.33.91 - E 83.28.06.22 Alt 370 ft
Outside Camp: N27.41.25.47 - E 83.28.25.70 Alt 375 ft

14. Arghakhanchi District (Sandhikharka)

Army battalion barracks LP at: N 27˚58’ 18.93” - E  83˚07’ 35.70” ALT  3230 ft
and a usable football pitch at the CDO compound located at: N27.58.17.807 - E083.07.38.514  Alt 3230 ft
Open areas have been identified at local level.

15. Gulmi District (Tamghas)

The Army has a Company with an LP at: N 28˚04’ 21.64” - E  83˚14’ 41.60” ALT  5100 ft
LZ: There is a public airfield 6km South of Tamghas (Simichour) under construction at: N28.01.22.761 - E083/15.16.617 Alt 5002 ft suitable as LP or LZ. The land has been donated by the local owners. Work started 2015 and first phase (gravel) expected to be finished 2017/8. The airfield will be capable of receiving a Twin Otter type aircraft. Elevation 5000 ft. The access road is very poor, single track powder on rock, but will be upgraded in time.

The APF are in the process of preparing a helipad (at present non-operational) at their base camp (160 men attached). Located at: N28.02.12.955 - E083.15.54.465 alt 5082 which is the left group of hills in the below picture. NB: the flat top hill in the centre is the airfield under construction.
16. Palpa District (Tansen)

Nepal Army has a battalion and LP located at:
N 27°51' 54.10" - E 83°32' 59.88" ALT 4166 ft

Other:

**Bharatpur Airport**  N27.40.41 - E084.25.46  Alt 679 ft  1.6 km southwest of Bharatpur.
Operated by the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal (CAAN)
Single runway which measures 1,158 by 30 metres (3,799 ft × 98 ft).

*See separate paper.*

There is a fixed-wing aircraft flight training school under the Nepalese Army Air Service.
The Army have one Battalion based at Kasara with an LZ located at:
N27°32’.50.08” - E84.19’ 51.46”  Altitude 590 ft Operational for Mi17/18