



Operating Aircraft in Parks – (National Regulations)

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There are no standard national regulations for operating aircraft in parks. All states and territories have their own regulations that **prohibit** the launch or landing of any aircraft in parks without a permit.

The states and territories may identify different types of parks as National, State, Forestry, Marine, Water, Conservation or Recreation parks, etc.

Naming conventions vary between the states and parks are often managed by different government departments depending on the type of park.

Essentially the varying state regulations wording say the same thing;

You need a permit to operate recreational aircraft in a park—including a hot air balloon, hang glider, paraglider, ultra-light aircraft, drone, RC or other powered aircraft. All hang-gliding and paragliding pilots must be members of, and certified by, the Sports Aviation Federation of Australia and abide by its rules and regulations.

Several State/Regional Associations and some clubs have organised such permits. These permits are for recreational use only at specific places. To ensure compliance, pilots should make themselves aware of permit requirements for the sites they fly.

Commercial operators should apply for a commercial activity permit. Flight schools, commercial tandem or trial instructional flights are required to have permits regardless of whether the State/Regional Association, local club or SAFA have permits to operate from the park.

Links to relevant authorities;

Australian Capital Territory

Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate -
<http://www.environment.act.gov.au>

New South Wales

NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service - <https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/>

Northern Territory

Northern Territory Government & Information Services - <https://nt.gov.au/>

Queensland

Sport & Recreation/QPWS/Environment & Science - <https://www.qld.gov.au/>

South Australia

National Parks South Australia - <https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/Home>

Tasmania

Parks & Wildlife Service Tasmania - <http://www.parks.tas.gov.au/>

Victoria

Parks Victoria - <http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/>

Western Australia

Parks & Wildlife Service - <https://parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au/>

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