

Using drones on our land

Drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) are becoming increasingly popular with professional and amateur enthusiasts. In light of recent media coverage about their use in public areas and a number of landowners banning them, the Land Trust is currently considering its policy.

In the meantime operators must follow the <u>Dronecode</u> set out by the Civil Aviation Authority and ensure that they do not fly in prohibited, restricted or controlled airspace; in other words, close to airports or military zones).

The website <u>noflydrones.co.uk</u> provides an easy to use map of restricted areas.

Permission must be obtained from the Land Trust or the site ranger.

Always remember:

- You are responsible for each flight
- Before each flight, check drone for damage
- Please ensure the drone is in sight at all times
- YOU are responsible for avoiding collisions
- Keep your distance
- Consider rights of privacy
- Permission to use drones for paid work

Click here to see full details of the rules

Anyone using a UAV recreationally can also seek advice from established model aircraft clubs who will have detailed local knowledge of airspace restrictions. Go to www.bmfa.org for more information.

More information on the regulation of UAVs, including a list of operators with permission to fly UAVs for commercial use, is available at www.caa.co.uk/uas