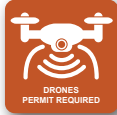


# Flying your Drone



## in Northern Territory Parks and Reserves



Drones are permitted in most of the Territory's Parks and Reserves with a valid permit. Restrictions apply in certain locations for cultural and safety reasons, and to protect significant natural values.

**NOTE:** for Kakadu and Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Parks drone requirements - contact Parks Australia.

The rules for flying drones in parks are derived from the laws that apply to parks and reserves and Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) safety regulations.

If you wish to fly your drone for recreation in a park or reserve, you need a By-law 32 *Operation of aircraft* permit.

With a permit, you can fly your drone in areas generally open to the public at the parks listed on page 2, provided you follow these rules.

- Fly your drone in a way that does not annoy or create a hazard to park visitors, disturb wildlife, or interfere with park management operations.
- Fly your drone according to the CASA regulations. Make sure you know and follow CASA's *Flying your drone for fun* - rules for recreational drones - [www.casa.gov.au/drones](http://www.casa.gov.au/drones)
- Only fly your drone in your line-of-sight during daylight

hours. Do not let the drone get too far away from you.

- Fly your drone to avoid crowded areas, including waterholes, campgrounds and picnic areas. Do not fly within 200 m or over these sites while they are in use.
- Avoid flying near staff houses, offices or workshops. Do not fly within 200 m or over these sites.
- Elsewhere, fly more than 30 m away from people, animals, vehicles, boats or buildings.
- Fly no higher than 120 m (400 feet) above ground level.
- Fly in a way that does not create a hazard to other aircraft. Keep at least 5.5 km (3 nautical miles) away from an airport, airfield or helicopter landing site. This restriction affects many parks and reserves.
- Seek consent before recording or photographing people. Let them know if you wish to film from your drone, ask if they mind or wait until they go.
- You must not fly over or near an area during emergency operations. This includes accidents, bushfires, flood emergencies, police operations and search and rescue activities.

- If you wish to fly your drone for any commercial purpose or financial gain, you need a By-law 13 *Commerce and trade* permit and notify CASA. This includes film and photography.
- You must stop flying your drone if a staff member asks you to.

If you don't stop flying your drone when requested, you may be issued with a Penalty Infringement Notice (fine).

A permit issued by the NT Government under this policy, does not include permission to fly at **Kakadu National Park** or **Uluru Kata-Tjuta National Park**. Refer to **Parks Australia** for information regarding the regulation of drones within these parks.

### For further information and permit applications contact:

Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security - Parks and Wildlife Permits Office.

Office hours Monday to Friday 8:00 – 4:00pm

PH: (08) 8999 4486

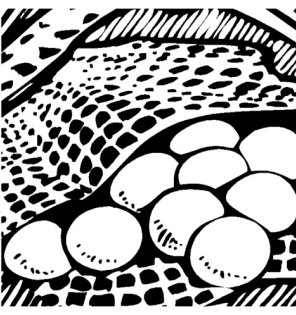
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Web: [www.nt.gov.au/leisure/parks-reserves/permits-for-parks/permits-to-use-aircraft-and-drones-in-parks](http://www.nt.gov.au/leisure/parks-reserves/permits-for-parks/permits-to-use-aircraft-and-drones-in-parks)

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Jape Homemaker Village,  
356 Bagot Road, Millner, NT, 0810  
Ph: (08) 8999 4555  
[www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au](http://www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au)

**Regional Offices**  
**Alice Springs** - Arid Zone Research Institute  
South Stuart Hwy. Ph: (08) 8951 8250  
**Katherine** - Giles St, Katherine.  
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## Schedule 1: Parks and reserves - where a drone may be flown with a valid By-law 32 permit.

NORTHERN AUSTRALIAN PARKS	
Adelaide River Foreshore Conservation Area Blackmore River Conservation Reserve Butterfly Gorge Nature Park Channel Point Coastal Reserve Daly River (Mt Nancar) Conservation Area Douglas River / Daly River Esplanade Conservation Area Cobourg Marine Park Howard Springs Hunting Reserve	Knuckey Lagoons Conservation Reserve Manton Dam Recreation Area Ooloo Crossing Conservation Area Shoal Bay Coastal Reserve Stray Creek Conservation Area Stuart's Tree Historical Reserve (Mary River National Park) Tree Point Conservation Area Umbrawarra Gorge Nature Park
SAVANNAH / GULF REGION PARKS	
Bullwaddy Conservation Reserve Caranbirini Conservation Reserve Cutta Cutta Caves Nature Park	Frew Ponds Overland Telegraph Line Memorial Keep River National Park Limmen National Park
CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN PARKS	
Alice Springs Telegraph Station Historical Reserve Anna's Reservoir Conservation Reserve Arltunga Historical Reserve Attack Creek Historical Reserve Barrow Creek Telegraph Station Historical Reserve Central Mount Stuart Historical Reserve Connells Lagoon Conservation Reserve Henbury Meteorites Conservation Reserve	Illamurta Springs Conservation Reserve John Flynn Historical Reserve John Flynn's Grave Historical Reserve Mac Clark (Acacia peuce) Conservation Reserve Owen Springs Reserve Ruby Gap Nature Park Ryan Well Historical Reserve Tennant Creek Telegraph Station Historical Reserve

### Parks with specified restrictions to drone flying in permitted areas.

PARK OR RESERVE	RESTRICTION	REASON FOR RESTRICTION
<b>Berry Springs Nature Park</b>	Permits will only be considered during low-visitor season.	Visitor safety - area of high visitor use, high potential to contravene CASA regulations.
<b>Howard Springs Nature Park</b>	Permits will only be considered during low-visitor season.	Visitor safety - area of high visitor use, high potential to contravene CASA regulations.
<b>Elsey National Park</b>	Watch out for other aircraft	CASA Regulations - within 5.5 km of aerodrome - Mataranka Homestead airport.
<b>Garig Gunak Barlu National Park</b>	Operators must consult with the Senior Ranger about where drones may be flown prior to making any flights.	Privacy and cultural considerations - residential areas and cultural sites are located within the park.
<b>Litchfield National Park</b>	No flying within the Wangi Falls area or at Sandy Creek Falls.	CASA Regulations - within 5.5 km of aerodrome – Wangi Falls Helipad and Sandy Creek are landing sites for helicopters. Visitor safety and privacy - this park experiences very high visitor numbers throughout the day.
<b>Finke Gorge National Park</b>	No flying from Kalaranga Lookout.	Cultural considerations and visitor safety.
<b>Tjoritja/West MacDonnell National Park</b>	No flying at Glen Helen Gorge. No flying at Finke 2-Mile.	CASA Regulations - within 5.5 km of aerodrome – Glen Helen Lodge Helipad.
<b>Watarrka National Park</b>	Not to be flown over Kings Canyon or along the Creek Walk. Not to be flown at Kings Canyon Resort.	Visitor safety - a walking track follows the creek at the base of the canyon. Cultural considerations - Joint Management partners have requested no drones at the base of the canyon. Contravenes CASA Regulations - within 5.5 km of aerodrome - Kings Canyon Airport.