

**Frederick County Parks and Recreation Division
Standard Operating Procedures**

Powered/Remote Controlled Model Device Regulations

Purpose: To protect park patrons from injury and/or property damage, that may be caused by operating an electric powered/remote controlled model: airplanes, gliders, helicopters, drones, cars, or boats in, over, or through Frederick County park property.

Procedure:

No person may operate any powered/remote controlled model: airplanes, gliders, helicopters, drones, cars, or boats in, over, or through a Frederick County Park, except for the following conditions:

- Must be approved in advance by the Frederick County Parks and Recreation Division
 - [Submit a Special Request Form](#) (call 301-600-1646)
 - All requests must be limited to a specific day and time with the option of a rain or alternate date.
 - **Note:** Blanket requests for multiple dates will not be accepted so as to accommodate other park patrons or activities.
- Powered/remote controlled devices cannot be operated where non-participating park patrons are within one hundred feet (100') of the device.
- It is prohibited to fly any airborne device at night, flying over park patrons, or sporting events within the park.
- All powered/remote controlled devices operations MUST be kept within Line of Sight (LOS), failure to do so is an FAA violation.
- Powered/remote controlled devices must be launched from pre-designated areas within an approved park.
- Powered/remote controlled devices cannot be launched in the direction of any occupied dwelling.
- Powered/remote controlled devices cannot be launched when wind speeds exceed 19 mph.
- Powered/remote controlled devices landing offsite must not be retrieved without surrounding land owners' permission.
- Powered/remote controlled devices are limited to electric/battery power only.
- Failure to abide by any or all of these regulations may result in the loss of launch privileges.
- The Parks and Recreation Division reserve the right to revoke a Special Request Permit to use a powered/remote controlled device for any reason if deemed in the best interest of the facility and Frederick County. Rules are subject to revision or change at any time.
- Individuals wishing to operate a powered/remote controlled device must sign an approved release form, which agrees to hold Frederick County harmless.
- Powered/remote controlled devices are required to be registered by the FAA with a tail number and must provide the registration number below.
- It is strongly recommended that all Powered/remote controlled devices have a RTH function (Return to Home).

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Approved park location options for operating an approved powered/remote controlled device:

- **Old National Pike Park:** Field East of Field 5 within the Park.
- **Catoctin Creek Park:** Upper field / overflow parking lot.
- **Kemptown Park:** Field adjacent to trail head, near the Amphitheater.
- **Utica District Park:** Special Event Area/Field.
- **Middletown Park:** North East Area of the Park over the Disc Golf Course.

Powered/Remote Controlled Model Device Release and Indemnification:

I, _____ (Printed Name), hereby release from liability and waive all right to file a claim or claims against Frederick County, Maryland and its elected officials, directors, officers, agents and employees for injuries, accidents, or damages to my person or property of whatsoever nature, whether due to the negligence of Frederick County, Maryland or otherwise.

I agree to indemnify and save Frederick County, Maryland, and its elected officials, employees, officers, agents, and volunteers harmless from and against any and all claims, actions, damages, liability, and expense, including attorney fees and costs of defense, in connection with loss of life, personal or bodily injury and/ or damage to property in connection with, resulting from, or growing out of my activities on Frederick County property, no matter how or when occurring and even if resulting in the negligence of Frederick County, Maryland.

I affirm that I understand and agree to this release and indemnification.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Must be over the age of 18 years old)

FAA Registration Number: _____