

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS PARK POLICY ON USE OF UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (UAV) IN COUNTY PARKS

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Permit – an unmanned, powered aircraft that does not carry a human operator and can be autonomous or remotely piloted or operated. (Includes Drones)

Patrons wishing to fly UAV's over County Parkland must fill out a Special Event Permit with the Parks Operations Office in West Sayville. All dates and locations must be entered for consideration and approval.

Flying of UAV's is permitted at the following locations:

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| 1. <u>Blydenburgh County Park – Smithtown</u> | 10. <u>Montauk County Park – Montauk</u> |
| 2. <u>Cathedral Pines County Park – Middle Island</u> | 11. <u>Sears Bellows County Park – Hampton Bays</u> |
| 3. <u>Cedar Point County Park – East Hampton</u> | 12. <u>Shinnecock East County Park – Southampton</u> |
| 4. <u>Cupsogue Beach County Park – Westhampton*</u> | 13. <u>Smith Point County Park – Shirley*</u> |
| 5. <u>Gardiner County Park – West Bay Shore</u> | 14. <u>Southaven County Park – Brookhaven</u> |
| 6. <u>Indian Island County Park – Riverhead</u> | 15. <u>West Hills County Park – Huntington</u> |
| 7. <u>Lakeland County Park – Islandia</u> | 16. <u>Coram Air Field – Coram</u> |
| 8. <u>Lake Ronkonkoma County Park – Lake Ronkonkoma</u> | 17. <u>Nature Preserves, Passive Parkland and Historic Sites*</u> |
| 9. <u>Meschutt Beach County Park – Hampton Bays*</u> | |

(*These locations will be considered on a case by case basis.)

For the best management and safety of all park visitors, the following guidelines for the operation of UAV's have been set:

- While the above locations are designated as Parks that have been designated within which UAV's are permitted, UAV's cannot be flown over populated areas such as campgrounds, playgrounds, hiking and horseback riding trails, stables, golf courses, dog runs, sporting fields (when in use), or other areas as determined by the Parks Commissioner.
- Due to high patron density, UAV's cannot be flown over County beaches between Memorial Day and Labor Day.
- UAV's cannot disturb the public enjoyment of park activities for other visitors, and cannot disrupt any lifeguard, park ranger, or park employee from performing their job duties.
- The Commissioner shall have the power to suspend or revoke such permit or to deny an application for such permit or for renewal of such permit based upon finding of a violation after a hearing held in accordance with Local Law No. 29-2015.
- Based on the current fee schedule, permits can be issued on a daily or annual basis.
 - o Resident Daily \$7; Resident Annual \$30
 - o Non-Resident Daily \$12; Non-Resident Annual \$48

