

The Wairarapa is a great place to fly un-manned aircraft, with wide open spaces, low population and some spectacular views it really is a pilot's paradise.

Before you fly, read below to ensure you stay out of trouble and maximise your fun.

Consider joining the local drone pilots forum [here](#) or the local drone racing league [here](#)

Stay up to date with national issues and log your flights at [www.airshare.co.nz](http://www.airshare.co.nz)

## The Rules

Whenever you fly you will be subject to CAA Part 101 regulations.

You should read and understand them fully [here](#) before you fly.

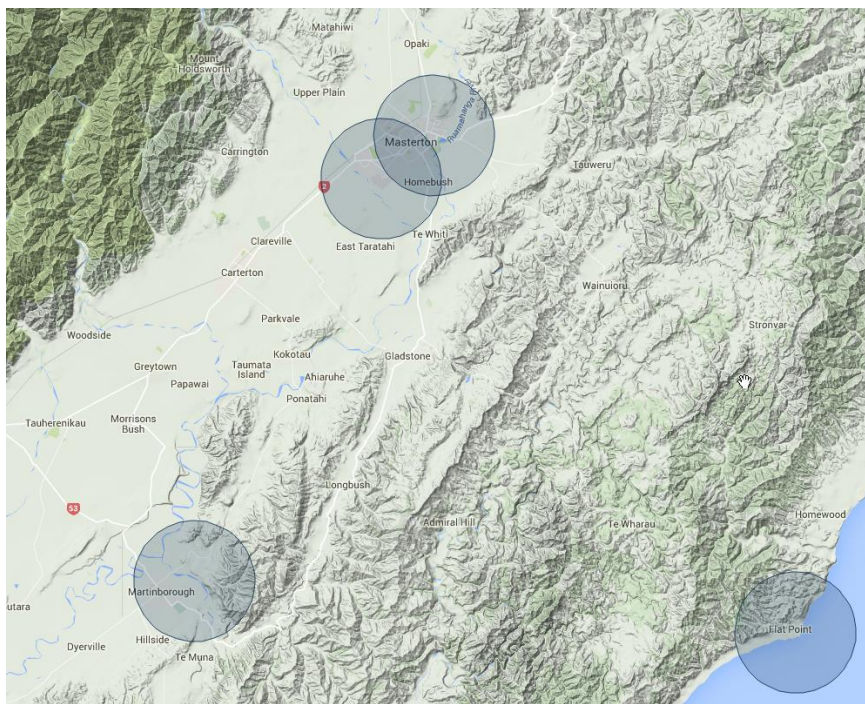
The basic rules are:

- ✂ Don't ever fly higher than 120 meters above the ground (that's 400 feet).
- ✂ Don't fly at night unless you stay below the height of the nearest object within 100m.
- ✂ Minimise hazards to persons, property and other aircraft.
- ✂ Give way to full sized aircraft
- ✂ Understand any airspace restrictions where you intend to fly
- ✂ Make sure you can always see your aircraft (Line of Sight) or have a spotter for FPV.
- ✂ Make sure you have permission from the owner / occupier of the land you fly over (including council parks & reserves, roads, DOC forests and NZTA for highways).
- ✂ If you are flying within 4km of an airfield you need to either
  - Stay below the top of trees / buildings within 100 meters of you and make sure that those trees / buildings prevent you from flying onto the airfield.
  - or
  - Have a 'Wings' qualification and seek the permission the airfield operator and have a spotter (see contact details below for each airfield below).

All airspace in the Wairarapa is Class G (not controlled by any air traffic control towers).

The circles below show the local airfields and the 4 km radius around each one. If you are new to flying, it's best to simply stay out of the blue circles altogether. Join the local drone pilots forum for a list of private land you can fly on while learning.

*Note Greytown Glider club is not yet showing on the map*



Please note, the entire Masterton CBD / Urban area including all main parks are within the bounds of airfields.

Use this map to find out who owns land: <http://mapping.gw.govt.nz/wairarapa/>

	Masterton	Carterton	South Wairarapa	DOC	Greater Wellington
<b>Airfields</b> <i>You cannot fly within 4km of the boundary of an airfield unless your flight is shielded or you have a 'Wings' qualification and have permission from the airfield and have a spotter.</i>	<b>Hood Aerodrome</b> Tony Heyward <a href="mailto:tony@masterroads.co.nz">tony@masterroads.co.nz</a> 06 378-6319 <b>Masterton Hospital</b> Anna Cardno <a href="mailto:Anna.Cardno@wairarapa.dhb.org.nz">Anna.Cardno@wairarapa.dhb.org.nz</a> 06 946-9858	<b>Greytown Glider Club</b> Jim Bicknell <a href="mailto:jbpapa@xtra.co.nz">jbpapa@xtra.co.nz</a> 06 304-9436  <i>Note: Amalgamated Helicopters base at 625 Chester road (06) 3798600</i>	<b>Martinborough Airfield</b> Alistair McLeod 06 306-9811 <b>Flat Point</b> 06 672-7527	NA	Refer to <a href="http://www.airshare.co.nz/maps">www.airshare.co.nz/maps</a>
<b>Recreational Flights</b>	Permission is required from the Council prior to flights over Council land. An annual permit will be issued.	No Permission is required to fly over Council land.		Concession or Authorisation	No Permission is required to fly over Council land.
<b>Commercial Flights</b>	Permit required Health & Safety Plan (if requested)	Permit required		<a href="#">Concession required</a>	<a href="#">Permit required</a>
<b>Restricted Locations</b> <i>You cannot fly at these locations without an exemption from the relevant council.</i>	Masterton Urban Area Henley Lake (no fly zone) Queen Elizabeth Park (shielded only) Council Offices / Libraries Cemeteries Leased Council Land <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bowling Greens</li> <li>Tennis Courts</li> <li>Grazed Paddocks</li> </ul> Organised events (includes sports) Within 30m of livestock or people Within 30m of habitats (e.g.coastal/ river margins) Within 30m of buildings	Playgrounds Swimming Pools Sports Fields (when in use)		All locations are assessed on application for a Concession or Authorisation.	All picnic areas All camping areas Wetlands, roosting or bird habitat Farmland during lambing/calving Within 30m of boats Within 30m of cars Within 30m of buildings Within 300m of commercial ships Organised events (includes sports)
<b>Recommended Places</b>	Double Bridges Reserve Clarks reserve				See <a href="#">here</a>
<b>Night Flights</b>	Allowed if shielded	Not Permitted on council land			Allowed if shielded
<b>Privacy</b>	Be Courteous and considerate to others Comply with <a href="#">Privacy Guidelines</a>	Be Courteous and Considerate to others			
<b>Permitted Aircraft</b>	Park Flyers < 1m Electric Powered Gliders < 1.5m	Park Flyers Small Multi-Rotors		Assessed per application	All
<b>Excluded Aircraft</b>	Fixed Wing > 1m or high performance Gliders > 1.5m Turbine Engines Combustion Engines	Turbine Engines Combustion Engines			None
<b>Age Restrictions</b>	Parental Supervision Under 16	Parental Supervision Under 16		None	None
<b>Fire Restrictions</b>	No flights permitted over Council land when a fire restriction is in place.	No Restriction		Assessed on application	
<b>Termination</b>	Cease operation if requested by Council	Cease operation if requested by Council			Cease operation if requested by Council
<b>Contacts</b>	Kirsty McCarthy <a href="mailto:kirstymc@mstn.govt.nz">kirstymc@mstn.govt.nz</a>	Brian McWilliams <a href="mailto:brian@cdc.govt.nz">brian@cdc.govt.nz</a>	Helen McNaught <a href="mailto:helen.mcnaught@swdc.govt.nz">helen.mcnaught@swdc.govt.nz</a> 027 659 8852	06 377 0700 <a href="mailto:masterton@doc.govt.nz">masterton@doc.govt.nz</a>	
<b>Full Rules</b>	<a href="#">Link</a>	<a href="#">link</a>	<a href="#">link</a>	<a href="#">link</a>	<a href="#">link</a>

*Shielded operation means an operation of an aircraft within 100m of, and below the top of, a natural or man-made object where that object also provides an arresting barrier between the aircraft and an airfield.*