

Unmanned aircraft systems (Drones)

There are several FAA regulations that visitors must adhere to if they wish to operate a drone:

- The drone must be registered with the FAA.
- The registration number must be on the aircraft. The number can be inside the battery compartment if it doesn't require a tool to open it.
- The drone is for recreational use only.
- The drone cannot exceed 55 pounds.
- The drone cannot take off from, land in, or be operated within congressionally-designated wilderness or primitive areas.
- The drone cannot exceed 400' in altitude.
- It can be operated during daylight only, and must be in view of the operator at all times.
- Drones are not permitted to fly in areas that have Temporary Flight Restrictions in place, such as wildfires. They should never be flown in close proximity to any wildfire operation.
- Drones should not be flown near populated or noise sensitive areas such as campgrounds, trail heads, and visitor centers.
- Drones cannot be flown over or near wildlife. Intentional disturbance of animals during breeding, nesting, rearing of young, or other critical functions is not allowed.
- Drones cannot be used to harass wildlife or to assist in

hunting.

- Drones should be launched more than 100 meters from wildlife. They cannot approach animals or birds vertically.
- Privacy laws must be adhered to. Drones should not be buzzing visitors not associated with the operator.