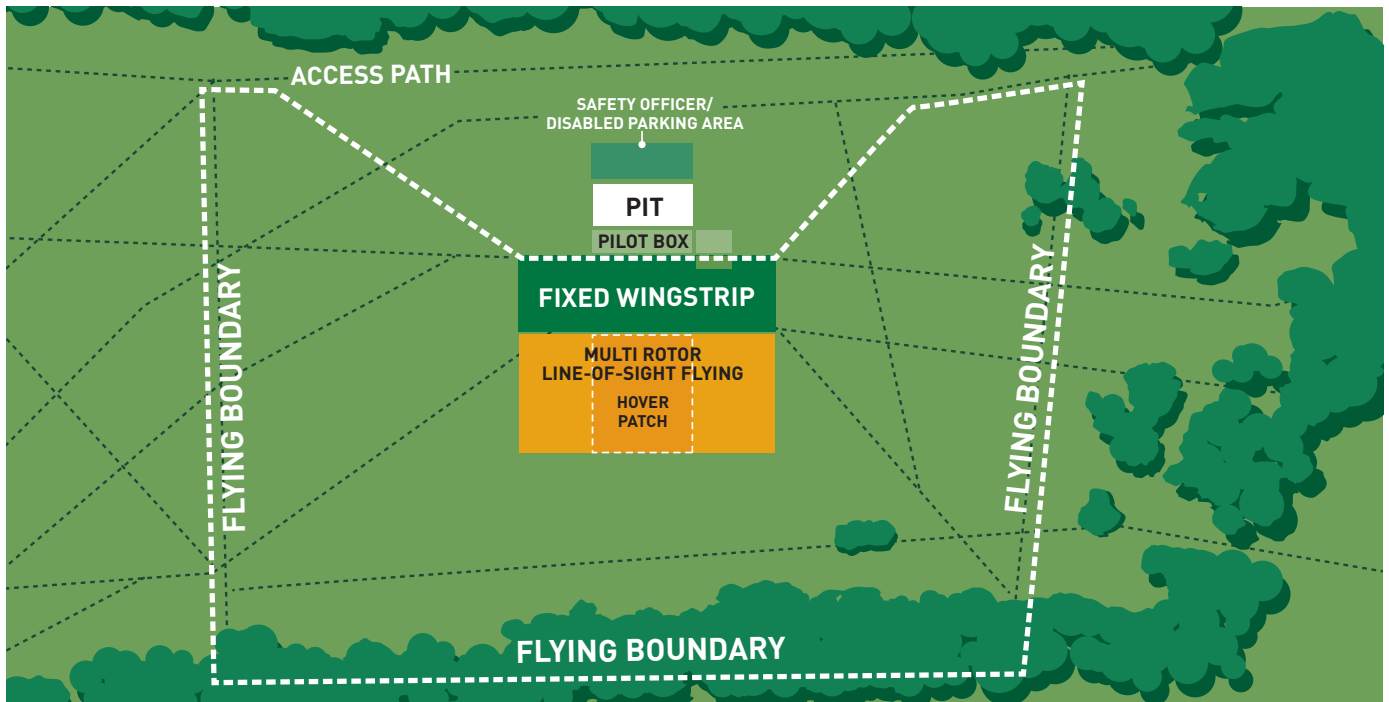




CHINGFORD PLAIN: SITE RULES



This document is intended to give our members guidance on rules that apply specifically to flying at Chingford Plain.

FLYING STRIP BOUNDARY & DESIGNATED PILOT AREAS

The flying boundary is indicated by the black dotted line above. The grey dotted lines are forest paths. The boundary follows three paths, the access path to the rear and two paths at either side. We fly just past the tree line at the front. Everywhere outside of the dotted line is a no fly zone including the pilot box, pit and safety officer parking area.

To the right is a close-up of the strip. It shows the **Pilot Box** for fixed wing pilots to stand in. Take-off and landing is on the **Fixed Wing Strip**. Next to the **Pilot Box** is a small box marked 'MR', the **Multi Rotor Pilot Box** for FPV drone pilots. In front of it marked **MRTL** is the **Multi Rotor Take-off and Landing Strip** for FPV drones.

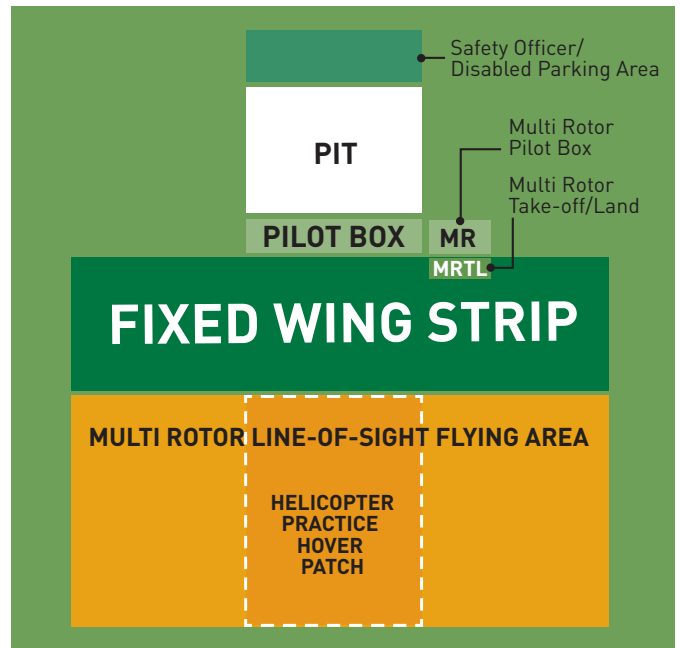
Below the **Fixed Wing Strip** is a large shaded area for **Multi Rotor line-of-sight flying**. LOS drone pilots fly inside this area including take off and landing. Within this area is a dotted line which shows the **Helicopter Practice Hover Patch** for helicopter pilots to practice hovering in. For normal flight helicopter pilots will stand in the main **Pilot Box**.

PIT

All aircraft must be kept in the Pit area when not flying. Follow all standard safety etiquette. Remember to face your aircraft outwards, i.e. away from fellow members. No flying in the Pit area at any time.

PERMITTED FLYERS

Members should carry their membership card and Epping Forest Permit with them in case of any request to verify their right to fly. Only CMFC and Enfield members are allowed to fly here. A guest may fly if agreed by a committee member. They may evaluate their flying ability, insurance and any other issue that might concern them. A guest should apply for membership if they wish to fly more regularly.



A guest might also be someone who has applied to join the club. The committee will arrange to meet the applicant and organise a training flight if the applicant is considered suitable. The applicant may be asked to fly on a buddy box. Up to three flight dates might be allowed before they would need to apply for membership.

PARKING

There is paid car parking in Bury Road managed by 'RingGo' (details can be found at <https://ringgo.co.uk>). Our flying strip is a 5 minute walk away. There is also a parking area at the strip for the designated Safety Officer and one other member only if they are a "blue badge" holder. Enfield Model Flying Club also have site access for their Safety Officer and only one Safety Officer car is allowed on site at any time so first to arrive will get the parking spot.



CHINGFORD PLAIN: FLIGHT RULES

FLYING TIMES

All week: flying is permitted between 10:30am to sunset.
Night flying is not allowed.

GENERAL

You must have your 'Operators Number' visible on your aircraft in accordance with the CAA's specification.

PERMITTED AIRCRAFT

Aircraft must comply with CAA Article 16 Authorisation for flying with a registered club with the following provisions.

Aircraft must adhere to reasonable noise levels to avoid unduly disturbing visitors to the Plain. Excessively loud engines may be scrutinised by the club's committee. If the pilot cannot rectify the problem the committee may request that the aircraft stops flying.

Members flying without due care may receive a friendly warning from the Safety Officer. They may be offered help to improve their technique but if improvements are not made, a member may, for a time, be excluded from the site.

The committee reserve the right to vet and exclude any aircraft for reasons of public safety. Reasons for exclusion might be the difficulty an aircraft may have in landing safely on our strip, being too fast to be safely flown in the public space we share or being judged to exceed the skill level of the pilot. We do not allow jets.

ENGINE TUNING

This is done at the rear of the Pit area. A reasonable time is allowed to get an engine started but if you experience problems you should not spend undue time adjusting your engine at the site. If you do you may be asked to leave and set it up elsewhere.

FILMING

To comply with the City of London Corporation who manage Chingford Plain, airborne video recording/photography **is not allowed** but you may use a camera for the purpose of flying FPV*. **You must have a designated spotter.** This applies to all aircraft types. You may not retain any airborne video from your flight.

SAFETY OFFICER

There must be a minimum of two people on site when flying. One should be a designated Safety Officer wearing a yellow hi-vis vest with the words 'Safety Officer' on the back. The club appointed Safety Officer will usually perform this role. If they are not available another person must step in as an Acting Safety Officer wearing a similar hi-vis vest. If no one agrees to take on this role you cannot fly. The Acting Safety Officer should be a club member but can also be an Enfield club member if they agree to perform the role.

The loan of one of our spare hi-vis vests can be requested from the club committee.

ACTING SAFETY OFFICER

When you take on this role you should warn members who are flying of potential hazards like members of the public crossing the flying strip, enthusiastic animals etc.

If a plane flies out of control and is lost beyond our flying boundaries, gather as much information as you can and pass it on to the Safety Officer or Club Secretary so that we might prepare for any potential consequences.

You should also report to the Safety Officer or Secretary incidents with the public such as plane strikes or other actions that might lead to investigation by other parties e.g. physical confrontations.

If any incident occurs it would be helpful to take photos of anything relevant. Any injuries occurring on site should also be reported to the Safety Officer or Secretary.

If a member or guest should directly cause damage to another's model or property, that person will be responsible for damage incurred.

OTHER RULES

In addition to our site specific rules, flyers must fly in compliance with ANO regulations in regard to safe flying, maximum flying altitude and no fly zones. BMFA guidance should be followed in regard to safe handling and set-up of aircraft, transmitter and range checks.

All standard warning calls must be made for taking off, landing, dead-stick etc. This is for the safety of your fellow members and members of the public.

GENERAL ETIQUETTE

We are fortunate to have a public site to fly in. It is important that members recognise their responsibilities for maintaining good will with Epping Forest Conservators and other visitors to the Plain.

Members have a responsibility to maintain the standards we set for flying and general behaviour. Behaviour by any member likely to cause a hazard to others should be reported to the committee.

The site should be kept clean and tidy and all litter must be removed.

ANIMALS

It is not desirable to have animals on site but they are permitted if under the control of their owners and are their owners responsibility. They should be confined to the safety of the pit area.

*Flying FPV relying only on goggles, phone, tablet or other screen-type to monitor your flight will require a spotter