

Safety Guidelines



All drone operators must follow the **Civil Aviation Authority** safety guidelines which can be found at www.airshare.co.nz/rules.

These guidelines include:

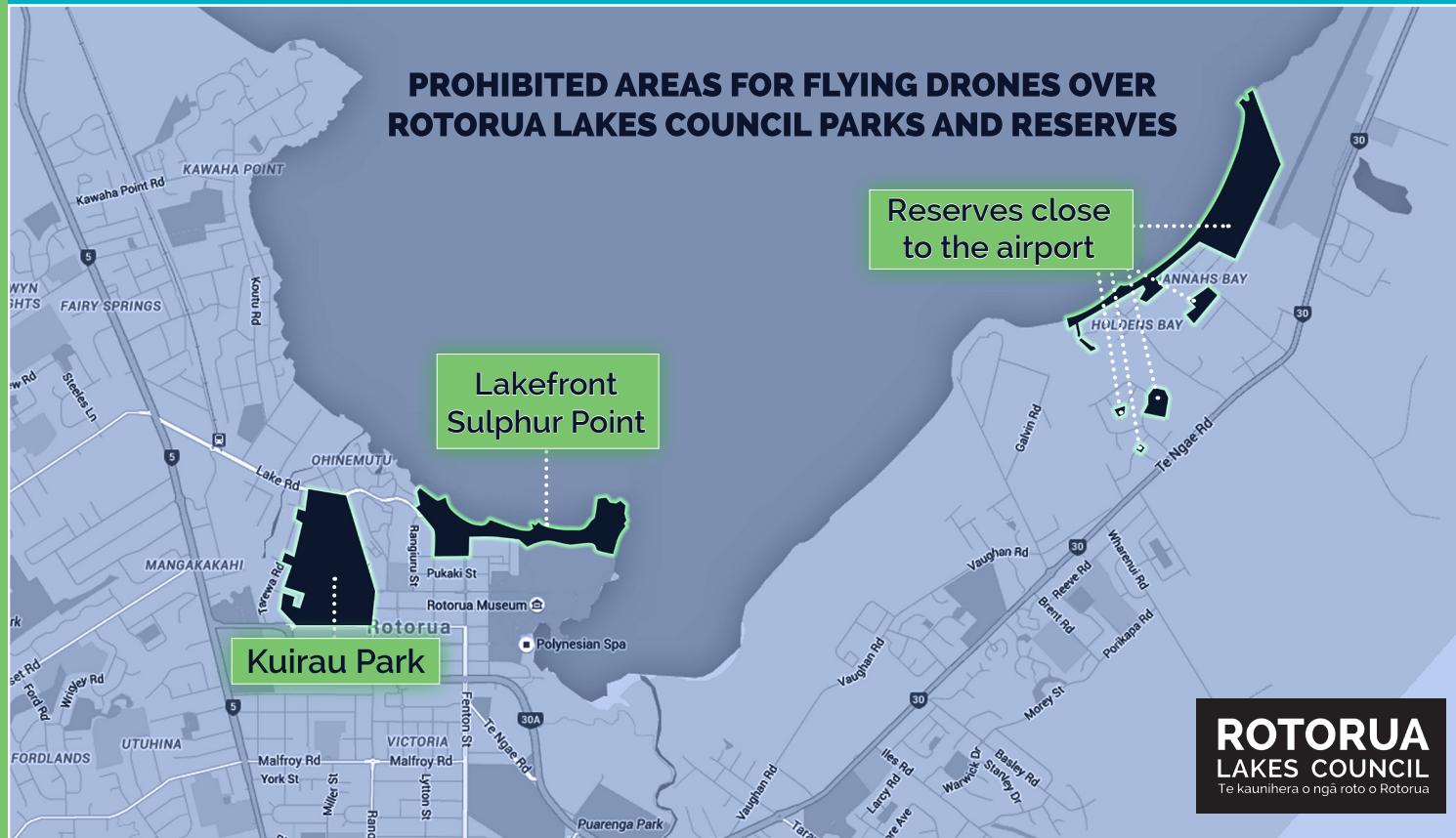
▶ **Do not fly drones over other people or organised events without permission.**

▶ **Only fly during daylight hours and ensure the drone is within eyesight.**

▶ **Drones must weigh less than 25kg and operate shielded if within 4km of an aerodrome. Aircrafts weighing more than 25kg require certification from the CAA.**

▶ **Flying in prohibited areas or breaching the CAA guidelines could incur a penalty of up to \$1000.**

You can fly drones over Rotorua parks and reserves **except** for those close to aerodromes. The areas it is prohibited to fly are: **Kuirau Park** (Rotorua Hospital Helipad); the **Rotorua Lakefront Reserve, Village Green** and **Motutara (Sulphur) Point** (Lakefront Aerodrome) and **reserves in the Rotorua Airport area** which include the **Hannahs Bay, Holdens Bay, Lee Rd, Waingaehe, Pohutakawa Drive, Aspen Place** and **Cedar Place Reserves** (Rotorua Airport).



KEY: = **NO FLY ZONE**

If you want to fly in these areas for a special purpose you will need to obtain permission from the relevant air authorities:

Rotorua Hospital Helipad	027 6535697
Lakefront Aerodrome	07 3489984
Rotorua Airport	07 345 8807



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Rotorua Lakes Council permits* drones to be operated over most council-owned parks and reserves, provided operators comply with the **Civil Aviation Authority** guidelines. *Using drones for commercial purposes requires permission from Rotorua Lakes Council.

Shielded ops

Because most Rotorua parks are within 4km of an aerodrome all drone flying can only be done in a **shielded operation**.

This means that the drone must not be flown **above the height of surrounding trees and buildings**, as this could put it in controlled airspace that other aircraft are using.

If you are flying over someone else's land you need to **get consent from the property owner** of the land you are flying over.

More info

For further information about operating a drone in Rotorua contact **Rotorua Lakes Council**:

Web: www.rotorualakescouncil.nz

Mailing Address: Rotorua Lakes Council
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Or contact the **Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand** or **airshare**:

CAA: www.caa.govt.nz

airshare: <https://www.airshare.co.nz>

Ops checklist

- I will fly my drone safely
- I have the property owner's consent to fly over their land
- I understand that I can fly in the permitted city parks in a shielded operation - that is, my drone will not be flown over the height of the surrounding trees and buildings
- If further than 4 km from an aerodrome, my drone must not be flown higher than 120 metres above ground level
- I am not about to fly my drone over people or an organised event (unless I have permission)
- I will be flying my drone during daylight
- My drone will be flying within eye sight
- If I want to fly my drone within restricted areas I will need to get permission from the relevant air authority
- My drone must weigh less than 25kg

