

Epsom & Walton Downs



Model Aircraft



Anyone flying a model aircraft (whether radio controlled or free flight) on the Downs is required to be a member of the Epsom Downs Model Aircraft Club (EDMAC) which was formed in 2005 with the support of the Conservators.

The area for flying is controlled under the Byelaws to reduce the risk of conflict with other Downs users. All Club members are required to have British Model Flying Association insurance and hold membership cards to verify that they are entitled to fly on the Downs. For safety reasons some types of flying eg rocket and turbine powered aircraft, control line and bungee launches are prohibited.

Further information can be obtained from www.edmac.org.uk



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Model Aircraft Flying and Safety Guidelines

1. Model aircraft shall not be flown;
 - on days when race meetings are held, or
 - on any other days before noon or after sunset or 8pm (whichever is earlier), or
 - if the person operating the aircraft is not a current member of Epsom Downs Model Aircraft Club (EDMAC) and does not carry valid British Model Flying Association (BMFA) insurance.
2. With special reference to radio controlled aircraft;
 - a) No flying zones are;
 - the Mile Post car park
 - any part of the Racecourse proper
 - behind the flight line or over the pits area
 - b) Only transmitters operating on 27MHz, 35MHz, 459MHz and 2.4GHz can be used, and should display the appropriate numbered or coloured pennant. A pegboard system is in operation to avoid frequency clashes.
 - c) Novice pilots should obtain the assistance of a BMFA "A" certified pilot before flying any radio controlled aircraft and until they themselves have been examined to BMFA "A" standard of competence.
 - d) No more than six radio controlled model aircraft should be airborne at the same time.
 - e) Aircraft with a dry weight of more than 7Kg or 15.4lbs are not permitted to fly. Under the code of Practice a noise limit of 82dB on all four faces at 7 metres applies.