

ARFF Site Rules & Regulations Sagebrush Launch and Landing Zone(s)

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1. All Pilots must be a current member of both the USHPA and American River Free Flight to fly at Sagebrush. Pilots must have a completed Membership Application and Release Waiver on file, and have paid the dues commensurate with the corresponding member classification.
2. P4 minimum is required for flying Sagebrush.
3. Pilots new to this site are required to walk through site-briefing of both the LZ and launch. The walk through covers everything from parking to set up and approach patterns, in order to keep our site running safely and smoothly and to keep you informed and safe. And of course, your sponsor will be more than happy to impart experience on thermal generators for all kinds of conditions.
4. Pilots should have an initial flight with an experienced local on radio.
5. Pilots must follow the "Right of Way Rules" when flying.
6. Conditions change, sometimes radically, from day to day. The information you receive during a walk through on any given day will only be valid for that day. One day's conditions are not indicative of another day's conditions and there could be extreme differences in how the site should be flown.
7. It's advised that initial flights, pilots should fly mornings and/or late day and during light traffic and lower turbulence times. Your sponsor/observer will make the weather call.
8. The presence of the sponsor should be set up at least 24 hours in advance.
9. All pilots need to carry working radio/transmitters tunable to our local frequency of 144.445 or a frequency you agree upon with your observer/sponsor.
10. Currently, the only approved Landing Zone is the property cleared and identified North of the hairpin turn (AKA Hospital Bend) on Marshall Rd in Lotus, CA. Landing anywhere other than this LZ is expressly prohibited. There is also a portion of the Marshall Gold Discovery Site Park in Coloma that can be used ONLY as a bailout in an emergency should the need arise and a report must be filed with a sponsor if this occurs. Henningsen-Lotus Park is an excellent alternative LZ, but is not reachable on glide from launch.
11. After landing in the designated LZ, immediately gather your gear and clear the LZ. Sagebrush's LZ requires a high level of skill even in calm conditions and every square foot of LZ should be afforded to a pilot on approach.
12. Respect the site! Fly a minimum of 200' from residences. Pick up trash, even if it's not yours. Drive carefully and courteously on all unpaved surfaces. Drive NO MORE THAN 10 MPH on Sagebrush Rd, this has been a negative issue for our club! Drive carefully throughout the entire LZ. If your vehicle creates a rut, be prepared to grab a shovel and repair it.

Flight Sponsorship Procedure

1. Contact any of the sponsors below to find one that is available to give you the walk through and hopefully your first sponsored flight(s).
2. Items to bring to your walk through: a. USHPA and ARFF membership cards. Visiting Pilots can contact a sponsor for forms. Sponsor Contact Information Sponsor: An advanced local pilot approved by ARFF for site specific orientations. The following is a list of sponsors that will introduce pilots to flying at Sagebrush.

Please contact one of these sponsors to arrange sponsorship at least 24 hours before arriving at Sagebrush to fly:

Fabian Perez	(916) 247-1252	fapv.xc@gmail.com
Jay Gordon	(916) 671-0215	jaygordo@gmail.com
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