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# Regulations for drone (UAS) use at Hudson Highlands Nature Museum Outdoor Discovery Center (July 1, 2020)

Drones (Unmanned Aircraft Systems or UAS) can be permitted for flying over Hudson Highlands Nature Museum Outdoor Discovery Center (HHNM-ODC) only with prior permission of the Executive Director or Director of Operations. The proposed flight path must be specified and approved in advance for each flight. Recreational UAS flights over HHNM-ODC are not permitted.

Operators must have registered their drones with the FAA and be familiar with, and adhere to, all FAA regulations for the use of UAS.

HHNM-ODC staff must ascertain before any flight that the operator is in complete control of their aircraft and can operate it in a completely safe manner over the complex forest landscape. A demonstration fight may be required before permission is given.

Takeoff and landing zones must be properly manned to be able to keep all people, animals, and vehicles away from the area during takeoff and landing. Flights must keep UAS away from people and never fly over people. UAS must weigh less than 55 lbs.

UAS must fly during daylight hours only, less than 400 feet above ground level (AGL), and at speeds less than 100 mph.

Visual contact must be maintained at all times.

All UAS flights must stay well away from the restricted airspace of HHNM-ODC's immediate neighbor to the south and east- the West Point Military Reservation.

UAS pilots must be aware that they are not permitted to fly within 5 miles of Stewart International Airport (approx. 6 miles to the northwest) without prior FAA approval and must at all times keep well clear of all other aircraft.

