



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

Information About Flying Model Aircraft at Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve

Model aircraft are welcome to fly in the designated area at Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve. Upon entering the park from Cristo Rey Drive turn right, then turn left into the first parking area.

The rules and conditions for flying model aircraft (listed below) were developed during a series of public meetings which included input from model flyers, adjacent neighbors and other park users such as hikers and equestrians.

- ✈ Models must take off and land in designated areas only.
- ✈ Pilots are required to stay within the designated area.
- ✈ Models must stay within designated flight area, and maintain at least 100' vertical and horizontal clearance from parking lots, trails, structures, and visitors.
- ✈ Maximum of 5 models flying at a time.
- ✈ Maximum model weight - 5 lbs.
- ✈ Maximum model speed - 50 mph.
- ✈ Maximum model noise - 80 dB at 25'
- ✈ Front propeller models only.
- ✈ Current Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) membership is required to fly. Information is available at: <https://www.modelaircraft.org/joinrenew.aspx>
- ✈ Gas powered models, rockets, and video piloting are prohibited.
- ✈ Remote control helicopters are prohibited.
- ✈ Drones are prohibited.