

# WRCS Guidelines - Times and Access

Welcome to our Club. We hope you enjoy your time as a member of WRCS and explore many of the interesting aspects of the hobby. One thing for sure, you will make many new friends and enjoy our beautiful environment.

The WRCS Club has a set of rules that are used as a guide for all members. The Club rules can be found on the website under "[Join the Club](#)". Safety is a primary focus of our club and is reflected in our training and everything we do. Our website also provides resources to learn about our hobby and get in touch with people such as the Chief Flying Instructor (CFI).

As a new member you may like to join the Facebook Members group. This is a private group in which members share information and ask questions. You will need to search on Facebook for the members group then ask to join. Just answer the question and let us know you are a new member.

The document below offers some guidance on how we can all get along when we visit the field and answer some of the questions that many new members have.

## Days and hours:

- Our field is available every day. As a member, you have a key to come and go as you please. Please note, you can't fly solo until an instructor has certified you to fly. (Contact the CFI for more details)
- Flying hours are limited to:
  - Monday to Saturday - 8:00AM to sunset. You can get there earlier to set up but don't start IC (Internal Combustion) motors before 08:00AM.
  - Sundays and public holidays – 9:00AM to sunset. If you have a small electric aircraft, you can begin flying at 8:00AM on Sundays and public holidays but it must be quiet.
- Total Fire Ban (TOBAN) – The field is closed, and you can't go to the field when a TOBAN has been declared for the Northern Beaches or the Greater Sydney Area. This can be checked on the [RFS \(Rural Fire Service\)](#) website.
- Field Maintenance – Volunteers usually mow the field on Friday mornings. We start around 7:30AM and go until around 9:00AM. For safety reasons, there is no flying while members are mowing or doing other work near the strip. Extra help is always welcome, and the club has all the tools required. It is good to bring your own ear and eye protection, but this is not required trimming plants for sweeping out the sheds etc.

## Ebb and Flow of the field

- Popular Times - Tues, Fri and the weekend are busy days. These are good days if you want to meet people and get your questions answered. There are usually instructors at the field on these days to help you learn to fly.
  - Members often light a BBQ on a Saturday lunchtime. Feel free to bring down a sausage and some bread and join in. This is a great time to talk to experienced members and instructors.
- Less Busy Times - Monday, Wednesday and Thursday are great if you want to get in more flights. After lunch on most days is also less busy, but be careful of the late afternoon sun, particularly in the winter.
- Sunday – At times, such as Sunday afternoon, the field is predominantly used by Heli pilots or other pilots performing acrobatic manoeuvres. These members often wait their turn to ensure they have sufficient space to fly safely. If you see a Heli or 3D person in the air then ask if it's okay to share the air. This may mean joining a short queue but provides a great opportunity to chat with other members before you get the strip to yourself.

## Gate, Road, and Parking:

- **The Gate:** There are several locks in the box to the right of the gate. This is because other organisations, have access to the track. WRCS has the coloured lock. Our lock alternates from red to blue each year. Our lock is usually in the right most position, but it can move.
  - Open the lock, slide the bar towards the left to open the gate. Reverse when closing. Please ensure the padlock is closed and the gate locked before you leave the gate unattended.
  - The other locks are for AUSGRID, National Parks, etc. to get access to the track. Sometimes they completely remove their lock which can make it confusing when you go to put your lock back in. Make sure you put it back in the right most position.
  - Never lend your key to friends or non-members.
- **Never leave the gate open and unattended.** If you know someone is following you then wait until they arrive before driving off.
- If a member of the public asks if they can drive in after you, ask them why? If they want to come to the field explain that they will be unable to get out unless they come with another member. Meet them at the field, take them down to the sheds and introduce them. If they are not interested in coming to the field don't let them in.
- If you lose your key and need a new key, then contact the Registrar. There is a replacement fee. Contact details are on [our website](#).
- Road: There is a 15K limit when driving on the road. Bushwalkers, dogs, mountain bikers and children use the road. Please take care as it can be hard to see around a corner.
- Maintenance, we fix up the road about twice a year. Our road is in a sensitive bush environment, and we are restricted in the work we can undertake. It can get bumpy after a rain but slowing down makes it much smoother.
- When you get to the field, you can park and walk down or drive around the turning circle from left to right and pull up in front of the bridge. Unload your aircraft and equipment then go and park. Then come back and take your equipment down to the sheds.
- There are trolleys in the shed if you have a lot of equipment to move.

## Cleaning up and leaving

- Don't leave anything behind at the field. No food wrappers, empty coffee cups or drink bottles. We don't have garbage service. Never leave bits of planes or spare wings at the field.
- If you see a drink bottle or coffee cup on the ground, please pick it up and take it with you. This is how we keep the place clean for everyone.
- When going back to your car, if your gear is heavy, use a trolley, then leave your gear on the paving at the top of the bridge while you get your car and load up. Please return the trolley to the shed.
- Groups often leave together. First through the gate opens it and last closes it. Don't ever leave the gate open for the next person and drive off if you can't see them. Please wait until you see them or [lock the gate](#). Members often stop for a chat and get delayed.

## Feedback

We hope these guidelines will be helpful. If you have feedback or things we have missed, please let the Registrar or one of the Instructors know. The most up to date Guideline can always be found on the club website. [Join our Club](#)

Always remember, your club has loads of members happy to help.

All you need to do is ask.

*Cheers and Good Luck.*

*WRCS Committee*

