

FLY NEIGHBOURLY ADVICE  
TASMANIAN WORLD HERITAGE AREA AND  
MT FIELD NATIONAL PARK

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (WHA) and Mt Field National Park area are administered by the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service (TPWS), Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment. The WHA contains a number of Sensitive Areas (SAs).
- 1.2. The aim of Fly Neighbourly Advice (FNA) is to promote the harmonious relationship between aviation activities and environmental and conservation interests.

2. FLY NEIGHBOURLY ADVICE

- 2.1. There is an understanding between locally-based scenic flight and charter operators and the TPWS to operate in the WHA and Mt Field area in an agreed responsible manner. Other pilots undertaking sightseeing flights in the WHA or Mt Field area should obtain information on FNA areas, tracking details, operating altitudes, and specific areas to be avoided from:

The Director  
Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service  
Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment  
134 Macquarie TAS  
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(contact officer: Planning Officer, World Heritage Area  
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- 2.2. Advice on operating in the WHA and Mt Field area is also available from most flying schools and charter operators based at Cambridge, Launceston, Devonport, Wynyard, and Strahan.
- 2.3. The FNA area is approximately bounded by the following (refer WAC 3556 – Tasmania):

Commencing South of Deloraine at Meander, then Miena – Derwent Bridge – Wayatinah – Westerway – Whale Head – then coastal to Low Rocky Point – Mt Sorell – Mayday Mountain – Meander.

- 2.4. The Sensitive Areas (SAs) are:

Cradle Valley, Traveller Range, Mt Ossa to Mt Rufus, Frenchmans Cap, Mt Anne Lake Judd area, Mt Orion and Arthur Range, and Federation Peak.

- 2.5 The general minimum overfly altitude for the WHA and Mt Field area is 4000FT AMSL, terrain permitting. To minimise the impact of noise:

- a. operate aircraft at the highest possible altitude and lateral distance from the feature being observed that will allow satisfactory observation from the air;
  - b. in sensitive areas, avoid prolonged flight and sudden changes in engine management (safety permitting); and
  - c. endeavour to cross walking tracks and the Franklin River at right angles.
- 2.6. Flight in and through the SAs should be kept to a minimum, and aircraft should be operated at an altitude and configuration that will minimise noise and visual impact for ground observers.
- 2.7. Recommended operating altitudes in the WHA and Mt Field area do not apply if these altitudes would jeopardise the safe conduct of the flight.
- 2.8. **Melaleuca Area Zones.** Additional conditions apply during the nesting season of the Orange Bellied Parrot which breeds in the three Melaleuca Area zones located within the WHA:
- a. From 15 September to 30 April, pilots are requested to avoid:
    - (i) repeated passes or circuits above the zones;
    - (ii) landing helicopters within the zones; and
    - (iii) hovering helicopters above forested areas within the zones.
  - b. Information on zone areas and operating in this area can be obtained from:  
Project Officer  
Melaleuca Area  
Tasmania Parks & Wildlife Service  
Ph: 03 6165 4261

### 3. IMPLEMENTATION

- 3.1. The WHA Fly Neighbourly Advice (FNA) has been coordinated through the Tasmania Regional Airspace Users Advisory Committee (RAPAC) and the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service.