

# Notice to Visitors

## Be Advised:

Use of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS's), such as drones, are prohibited above federal lands and waters along the Cape Cod Canal. 36 CFR, Chapter II, Part 327.4



## NO DRONE ZONE

Why are there no designated areas at the Cape Cod Canal to fly UAS's?

**Safety** - Drones pose a potential hazard to visitors due to malfunction or negligent operation.

**Security** - Drones could be used criminally against visitors or critical infrastructure.

**Visitor Experience** - Drone noise and movements could pose a nuisance or privacy concern, and negatively impact the experience of other visitors.

## For Further Information:

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## Regulations

Federal Aviation Administration definitions:

An unmanned aircraft is a component of a UAS. It is defined by statute as an aircraft that is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft (Public Law 112-95, Section 331(8)).

US Army Corps of Engineers Regulations 36 CFR 327.4 b:

“operation of aircraft on project lands at other than those designated by the District Commander is prohibited”.

***No areas of the Canal have been designated as authorized for aircraft operation by the District Commander. Therefore all aircraft operation (including drones) is prohibited. (Public safety agency official use is exempt)***

EC 1110-1-106 explains further:

“UAS operation for hobby, recreational, and/or commercial purposes at USACE water resources development projects is prohibited unless authorized by the District Commander. This regulation applies to individuals operating any UAS over USACE water resources development projects regardless of the location of the operator, including over outgranted Corps property under a lease agreement with a third party.”

d. No person shall operate a UAS:

(1) In a careless, negligent, or reckless manner so as to endanger, threaten, harass, or jeopardize any person, property, wildlife, environmental feature, or interfere with the use or operation of the project. Examples of such prohibited behavior include capturing images of unsuspecting/unwilling persons or attaching firearms or other weapons onto the UAS.

(2) Within 500 feet of operational areas. Operational areas are defined as land on which project operational structures are located (i.e. dams, hydropower plants, administrative and maintenance buildings, visitor centers and associated support facilities). Larger restricted zones can be established where applicable. UAS operation that violates the designated operational area prohibition will be reported.