



NSW Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association (NSWHPA)

NSWHPA Recommended Guidelines for Outlanding Etiquette (Landings not at a designated LZ)

*** Pilots & Retrieve Drivers ***

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Management of flying sites and the surrounding areas is everyone's responsibility - pilots need to 'fly neighbourly'.

1. Treat landowners well: without their goodwill we can't fly; don't take them for granted. Smile, explain your situation, apologise if necessary and leave their land as quickly as possible. Obey all conditions and requests from landowners. Always avoid causing any damage to property, stock, plants, and people. Any damage must be reported to the landowner and Club.
2. If you open a gate, you close it; If there is more than one car you still close it behind all of them, at the next gate somebody else does it all for you. Do not climb over fences - use the gates.
3. VEHICLES: Do not take vehicles into cropped paddock. Keep vehicle speeds low and appropriate to the conditions – avoid/minimise creating dust. Limit the number of vehicles using access roads where possible.
4. Do not land where permission has been denied by the owner, or in other prohibited areas. Fly with an appropriate instrument to provide you with this information and check local site maps and with local pilots before launching.
5. If you are a visiting pilot, you must contact a local pilot to obtain the latest information regarding access procedures, hazards and any other protocol pertaining to that site, and you must agree to abide by the local Club's Code of Conduct. Some sites have Code of Conduct that include loss of your right to fly from that site if Club Code is violated.
6. Do not land in stocked or cropped paddocks! Be aware of transmission of stock or fauna disease, especially if landing on farms. Minimise any environmental damage; be particularly careful with inadvertent transplant of seeds and use established paths or tracks wherever possible.
7. Do not “scratch low” near dwellings or stock. Plan your landing and look for an area free from power lines, stock, crops and away from farmhouses and infrastructure. Pack up your equipment as quickly as possible and exit the area.



8. Be mindful of the risk of fire and report any fire you see immediately. Be aware that petrol vehicles have been known to start grass fires from the heat of the catalytic convertors. Do not smoke on private property.
9. Treat all members of the public well and with respect, inform them of your sport and encourage their interest.
10. Kindness is King! Always remain kind, peaceful and respectful, even if you are shouted at by a landowner. You have likely surprised and upset them, angry people in shock are often difficult to reason and deal with. Apologise, stay calm and try to de-escalate conflict and walk away. Landowners do have the right to ask for identification if you are on their property, always comply and remain respectful.

Safe flying!
Get high, go far and always be mindful of acting in a respectful way towards landowners.