

JULY 1, 2014

PARK DIRECTIVE 3075

HANG GLIDING AND PARAGLIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS

Hang gliding and non-motorized paragliding on state park property is permitted at approved sites only. Requests for approval of sites must be submitted to the Director of Arkansas State Parks by park superintendents or others. Requests must include supporting documentation detailing recreational demand analysis and impact on parks' natural and cultural resources, recreation use, facilities, and long term development or master plan. An approved site must have a sign indicating that it is approved for these activities and shall include any restrictions which may apply, such as time-of-day and instructions to check in at park visitor center before the first launch.

I. HANG GLIDING AND PARAGLIDING PROCEDURES

- A. Each calendar year, before their first flight, hang gliders must register at park visitor center with:
 - 1) Proof of H-3 or P-3 (intermediate level) rating from the United States Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association (USHPA) or equivalent;
 - 2) Proof of at least \$1,000,000 personal liability insurance from USHPA or equivalent;
 - 3) A signed Hang Gliding / Paragliding Checklist and Liability Release (see attached).
- B. Pilots must notify staff at the park visitor center prior to the first flight each day.
- C. Pilots and passengers engaged in tandem flights must be in compliance with all USHPA requirements for this activity. Passengers must register at the park visitor center and submit a signed liability release and checklist (see attachments). A parent or legal guardian must complete the check list and liability release form for all minors; those age seventeen (17) and under.

II. HANG GLIDING AND PARAGLIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations will apply to hang gliding and paragliding in Arkansas State Parks.

- A. The launch site will be a designated area approved by the Director of Arkansas State Parks.
- B. Landing areas are not on state park property. Maintained in a permanent file at the park visitor center will be a statement from the property owner granting permission for hang gliding and paragliding participants to land on his/her property if a liability release has been signed by each pilot. Vehicles will not be allowed on landing fields. The Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism (ADPT) is not responsible for the safety, upkeep or maintenance of landing areas and participants land at their own risk.
- C. Park officials will utilize the "Hang Gliding / Paragliding Checklist" to approve or disapprove each flyer and passenger.
- D. Once each year, pilots and passengers must sign the checklist and liability release (see attachments).
- E. Prior to the first flight on each day they fly, pilots must notify staff at the park visitor center.
- F. Pilots must be a current member of a United States Hang Gliding / Paragliding Association.
- G. Pilots must meet one of the following criteria: Pilot advanced rating H-4 or P-4 or above; or pilot intermediate rating, advanced accompanied: H-3 or P-3; or pilot intermediate rating in addition to completing 5 (five) hours or more of flying and 10 (ten) separate flights as intermediate: H-3 or P-3.
- H. When requested, pilots shall allow park officials to review the pilot's flight log book.
- I. Pilots must wear a helmet and back up chute.
- J. Pilots must fly a glider certified by a Hang Gliders Manufacturers Association, Paragliders Manufacturers Association, or by the equipment manufacturer.

- K. Pilots and friends must conduct themselves in a courteous, orderly manner and obey all park rules and regulations.
- L. In any and all cases, state park officials have complete and final control and authority over the launch site.

Replaces PD 3075 dated August 19, 1977

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Sub-Committee on June 11, 2014.

Attachments: --Checklist
 --Liability Release

APPROVED BY:



GREG BUTTS, DIRECTOR
Arkansas State Parks



Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism

HANG GLIDING / PARAGLIDING CHECKLIST

NAME: _____

(Print Name)

PILOTS

1. **Yes / No** Pilot current member of USHPA / # _____
2. **Yes / No** Pilot meets one of the following criteria. Circle all that apply.
 - a. Pilot advanced rating H-4 or P-4 or above;
 - b. Pilot intermediate rating, advanced accompanied: H-3 or P-3
 - c. Pilot intermediate rating, in addition to completing 5 (five) hours or more of flying and 10 (ten) separate flights as intermediate: H-3 or P-3
3. **Yes / No** Pilot ensures that glider meets the standards for certification of the Hang Gliders Manufacturers Association or Paraglider Manufacturers Association.
4. **Yes / No** Pilot provides proof of at least \$1,000,000 personal liability insurance from USHPA or equivalent.
5. **Yes / No** Pilot's flight log book is checked.

PILOTS and PASSENGERS

6. **Yes / No** Pilot / passenger will be wearing helmets.
7. **Yes / No** Pilot / passenger will be properly harnessed to an emergency parachute.
8. **Yes / No** Pilot / passenger (or parent or legal guardian) has signed the liability release form for ADPT and the authorized landing sites.
9. **Yes / No** Pilot / passenger received permission to fly from the park superintendent or designee.

PILOT'S NAME

PASSENGER'S NAME

(PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN IF MINOR)

PILOT'S SIGNATURE

PASSENGER'S SIGNATURE

(PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN IF MINOR)

DATE

DATE

SUPERINTENDENT'S SIGNATURE

DATE



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HANG GLIDING / PARAGLIDING LIABILITY RELEASE

I, _____, am about to participate in hang glider / paraglider flying.
PILOT (PRINT NAME)

I am participating entirely upon my own initiative, risk and responsibility. This will be a(n)
☐ Individual ☐ Tandem flight.

I do hereby agree to respect and adhere to all rules set forth by Arkansas State Parks and the owner of the authorized landing site, which are available at the park Visitor Center.

Therefore, in consideration of the permission extended to me by the owner(s) of the property upon and over which I will conduct or participate in flying activities, I do hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, remise, release and forever discharge the owners of the properties, including the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, and all officers, agents, employees, and assigns from any and all claims, actions or causes of actions on the account of my death, or on account of any injury to me which may occur from any cause during such flying activities.

PILOT'S SIGNATURE

PASSENGER'S SIGNATURE
(PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN IF MINOR)

DATE

DATE

PILOT INFORMATION

Pilot's Name: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____

Telephone Number: _____ USHPA Rating: _____

Address: _____

City

State

Zip

Emergency Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City

State

Zip

Relationship: _____ Phone (H): _____ (C): _____

Additional Emergency Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City

State

Zip

Relationship: _____ Phone (H): _____ (C): _____

For Passenger Information, see reverse side



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PASSENGER INFORMATION

Pilot's Name: _____

Passenger's Name: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____

(H)

Telephone Number: _____ USHPA Rating: _____

(C)

Address: _____

City

State

Zip

Emergency Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City

State

Zip

Relationship: _____ Phone (H): _____ (C): _____

Additional Emergency Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City

State

Zip

Relationship: _____ Phone (H): _____ (C): _____