

# Model Radio Controlled Planes at Taylors Mistake Quarry

Taylors Quarry is a registered Model Flying NZ flying site with CAA. Model RC planes have a right to fly at this location (refer CAR 101.207(b) 1&2).

This discussion is intended as a guide for freeflight pilots about how model aircraft operators use the Taylors Mistake area from Godley Head Road, and how we can minimise conflict in usage of the site. This guide in no way overrules CAA rules 101, 102 and 106 (<https://www.aviation.govt.nz/rules/>). Among other things these rules require remotely operated planes to maintain a view of airspace and to give way to, and remain clear of, manned aircraft.

- Other paragliders and the ground pose the most significant risk and consequence of collision! Keep your focus on flying your wing, avoiding other paragliders, and staying in the air. Allow model aircraft to keep clear of you.
- When model aircraft or other pilots are in proximity to you, avoid sudden rapid changes of direction and dynamic manoeuvres. Model aircraft are required to keep clear, but they need to be given the opportunity to do so. *There is no requirement for the models to land.*
- Be aware of any model flying activities already in progress at the Quarry area. If possible, plan your flight to give space around the quarry area. If the band of lift is small and it necessitates crossing in front of the quarry, try and make sure the model aircraft operators have had the opportunity to see you as discussed below.
- Model aircraft tend to take off and land via the gully in front of and immediately behind the quarry area. If you can keep clear of this area, particularly around road level, it will aid in separating model aircraft from paragliders/hang gliders. Note that this area can be turbulent for paragliders in strong winds and/or when the wind is off to the north.
- The model aircraft will tend to fly out into the valley in order to keep clear of paragliders. They are trying to meet their obligations to keep clear so please give them the opportunity to do so.
- When launching or flying out from above the Quarry be aware that any model aircraft operators will be below you and looking out the valley. You will be behind their line of sight. You can help with separation by giving the model aircraft operators an opportunity to be aware of your presence before flying in front of or above the quarry. For example:
  - If launching above the Quarry, talk to any model aircraft operators on your way up to launch and discuss your intentions.
  - When flying out after launching, take a line above or right of the windsock until you are sufficiently forward to be in their line of sight.
- If you feel you have had a near miss or have had to take action to avoid collision with a model aircraft or any other pilot, please file an incident report. For filing an incident report, please gather as much information as possible at the time of the incident, including names and contact details of individuals involved, time and location, contact details for any witnesses.
- In the event of an accident, contact the Rescue Coordination Centre (0508 ACCIDENT) stating the location and “Fall from height”.

## Communications

Initial contact during flying should be in-person between model aircraft and free-flight pilots, as mentioned above.

Issues and concerns should be raised by email to the following:

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	<a href="mailto:pgsites@chgpc.org.nz">pgsites@chgpc.org.nz</a>	
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