

2025 No. 1072

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Cheltenham)
Regulations 2025**

Made - - - - *10th October 2025*

Coming into force - - *14th November 2025*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the intending gathering of a large number of persons attending the Cheltenham Races.

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 239 of the Air Navigation Order 2016(a).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Cheltenham) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 14th November 2025.

Interpretation

2. In regulation 3(1) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time(b).

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), beginning with 0800 hours on 14th November 2025 and ending with 1800 hours on 16th November 2025 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile which is centred at 515515N 0020341W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft operated in accordance with a permission issued by Gloucestershire Constabulary.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

10th October 2025

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(a) S.I. 2016/765, amended by S.I. 2024/990; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.
(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire on the occasion of the Cheltenham Races which are scheduled to take place there on 14th to 16th November 2025, inclusive. In view of the large number of people expected to attend the event, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of public safety.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is the same as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2), Gloucestershire Constabulary may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Briefing Sheet and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr David Ridley, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382471.