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CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Leeds Festival)
Regulations 2026**

Made - - - - *28th July 2026*

Coming into force - - *26th August 2026*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary 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 there of a large number of persons.

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) (Leeds Festival) Regulations 2026 and they come into force on 26th August 2026.

Interpretation

2. The times referred to in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time^(b).

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), during the period beginning with 1100 hours on 26th August 2026 and ending with 1600 hours on 31st August 2026 no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 1,400 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 535120N 0012109W,
- (b) 535109N 0012316W,
- (c) 535142N 0012353W,
- (d) 535146N 0012348W,
- (e) 535149N 0012402W,
- (f) 535145N 0012421W,
- (g) 535151N 0012425W,
- (h) 535201N 0012349W,

(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 one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

- (i) 535218N 0012342W,
- (j) 535247N 0012249W,
- (k) 535248N 0012156W,
- (l) 535227N 0012155W,
- (m) 535219N 0012127W, and
- (n) 535120N 0012109W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft being flown—

- (a) in accordance with a permission issued by the Festival Republic Event Silver Commander, or
- (b) by, or on behalf of a police air support unit.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Karen L Michaels
Grade 7

28th July 2026

Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Bramham, West Yorkshire, where the gathering of a large number of persons is due to take place for the Leeds Festival. The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft for reasons of public safety and security.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(a), the Festival Republic Event Silver Commander may be contacted as notified.

Full details of these Regulations will be promulgated by Briefing Sheet and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr Thomas Shainberg, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382515.