



Guide to regulations and permits for UAV around Abisko

You are responsible for following Swedish law when flying an UAV and publishing data gathered by an UAV. This document is only a guide of where to find information and Swedish Polar Research Secretariat is not to be held responsible for your handling of the UAV or the data.

Publishing drone data

To publish drone data (not only RGB imagery and videos) you need a permit from lantmäteriet: <https://www.lantmateriet.se/en/dissemination-permit/>

Flying UAV in national parks and nature reserves

National parks – DO NOT FLY!

Flying UAV in national parks are strictly forbidden and you will have a hard time getting a permit. The Swedish word for national park is “nationalpark”. There are two national parks close by Abisko Scientific Research Station, links with maps below:

- [<Abisko nationalpark>](#)
- [<Vadvetjåkka nationalpark>](#)

Nature reserves – don't fly without a permit

Flying in a nature reserve may be forbidden, but you can apply for a permit at Norrbottens länsstyrelse (the county board of Norrbotten).

- Processing time is ~10 weeks.
- Apply through [<this link>](#). It's all in Swedish but you can apply in English. And then make sure you understand all the information in the decision that will follow.
- More info at [<lansstyrelsens homepage>](#)
- Email for questions: norrbotten@lansstyrelsen.se

Nature reserves close to Abisko Scientific Research Station:

- [<Abisko Naturvetenskapliga Station>](#): Area around the research station.
- [<Stordalen Naturreservat>](#): 10km east of the research station, north of road E10, south of lake Torneträsk. Forbidden to fly without a permit.
- Eastern end of lake Torneträsk is covered by 3 large nature reserves: [<Torneträsk-Soppero Fjällurskog>](#), [<Alajaure>](#) and [<Rautas fjällurskog>](#)

Link to map of nature reserves in Sweden: <https://skyddadnatur.naturvardsverket.se/>



UAV license and Operator ID

The UAV needs to have a sticker with Operator ID. And the person flying the UAV need a license appropriate for the class of the drone. You get these from [transportstyrelsen](https://www.transportstyrelsen.se). If you are from within the EU – the licence and operator id issued within your country should be valid also in Sweden.

Before take-off

Be aware that there are often helicopters in the area – be ready to land if you hear one. There is a helicopter base on the south side of Abisko village and one in Björkliden, but they can fly and land anywhere. Call kallax-flyg +46 (0) 980 81 000 and notify them where and when you are planning to fly. Also be aware of that there are other companies