

Vance Air Force Base Information About Drones/Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)

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Vance Air Force Base wants to ensure flying safety remains paramount in the airspace around Enid, Vance and Kegelman by asking all drone/UAS operators to become knowledgeable and practice good general operating rules required to fly a Drone/UAS in the National Airspace System.

If you have never flown an aircraft or a Drone/UAS, or it has been a while since you have flown, we encourage you to visit the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) UAS Website “Getting Started” at https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting_started for the latest rules and insights governing Drone/UAS operations.

Prohibited Flight over Military Installations

All UAS flight operations, including Public, Civil, and Model Aircraft, are prohibited within the airspace over select national security sensitive facilities (including Vance and Kegelman), surface to 400 feet above the ground in accordance with UAS NOTAM FDC 7/7282. However, special permission may be requested by completing the form at https://www.faa.gov/uas/request_waiver.

Visit <http://uas-faa.opendata.arcgis.com> for more information and to see an interactive map of all locations specified in the NOTAM.

Recreational Users – “Fly for fun”

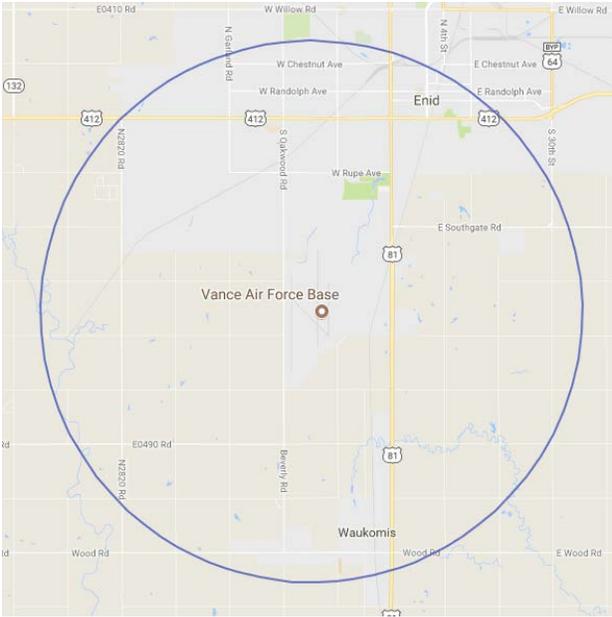
The FAA requires all recreational UAS operators to contact the airport operator and Air Traffic Control Tower prior to operating their UAS weighing more than 0.55 pounds within 5 statute miles (SM) of an airport. Names for UASs may include, but are not limited to, model aircraft, “drones,” and quadcopters, etc.

To contact us regarding recreational use within 5 SM of Vance or Kegelman, or if you simply have questions about Drone/UAS rules, please e-mail us at VanceAirspace@us.af.mil

Note: Airport center points from which the 5 SM radius is drawn comes from the NGA’s IFR or VFR Supplements.

The FAA offers a free mobile application called “B4UFLY” that will show your current location and a 5 SM radius around each airport that helps you determine if you should notify those airports. Maps showing 5 SM around Vance and Kegelman are included on the next page.

Don’t forget to check on Enid-Woodring and other nearby airports as well!



5 SM around Vance



5 SM around Kegelman

Commercial Users – “Fly for work”

Commercial operators wanting to fly in Vance’s class D or E airspace should request a Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the FAA. That request will be evaluated by Vance’s Airspace Management office and should satisfy all requirements to contact Vance.

To request a waiver, visit https://www.faa.gov/uas/request_waiver

Notice about Military Training Routes (MTRs)

Vance aircraft fly along “low level” Military Training Routes almost every day. These routes cover a large portion of northwest OK and parts of southern KS and are flown at 500 feet above the ground or higher. If you are operating a drone/UAS under these routes, please use extreme caution not to exceed 400 feet above the ground unless previously coordinated through the COA process. Additionally, we would appreciate knowing about operations beneath the low levels in order for our aircrews to be extra cautious in the area you are also operating.

Contact Us

If you have questions or concerns about Drone/UAS activity near Vance or around Enid, or if you would like to let us know about your own operations, please contact us at VanceAirspace@us.af.mil

Thank you for helping us keep the skies safe!