

Marek Čapistrák

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Subject: Application for a permit to use a drone in protected areas

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received an application from Marek Čapistrák, dated, 23rd of April 2024, for a permit to use a drone at Dynjandi and Hverfjall.

Dynjandi is protected as a natural monument, cf. regulation no. 348/1971. Operating an unmanned aircraft/drone within the protected area is subjected to a permit from the Environment Agency of Iceland during the period of 1st of May – 15th of september. Drones cannot be flown over or along the shore, over or along the river estuaries or over or along the river below the bridge.

Hverfjall is protected as a natural monument, cf. regulation no. 1261/2011. Disturbance to vegetation and wildlife is prohibited. The guest should follow marked paths at any given time. Using a drone at Hverfjall is not subject to a permit from the Environmental Agency of Iceland.

Description of the project:

The project applied for is to use a drone within Dynjandi natural monument on the 15th of May for two flights for 4-6 minutes each with a backup date on the 16th of May depending on the weather. Map of the take-of and landing point and the flightpath followed the application.

Impact assessment:

The Environment Agency of Iceland considers the project to have minimum impact on other guests and on wildlife within the natural monument.

Conclusions and conditions:

The Environment Agency of Iceland hereby grants Marek Čapistrák permission on its behalf to fly a drone within Dynjandi natural monument as described above on the 15th or 16th of May 2024 on the following conditions:

- Keep this permit with you on site during the projects.
- The applicant shall inform rangers in the area about their arrival and departure. This is to be done 24 hours before entering the area and again before leaving it.
- If the project dates or description changes the Environment Agency shall be notified as soon as possible.
- Guests should always stay on authorized paths.

- If any complications occur during the project, please contact the ranger or the Environment Agency of Iceland, tel. +354 591 2000.
- All disturbance to animals and wildlife is strictly prohibited.
- Off-road driving in Iceland is strictly prohibited.
- If the material is meant for public viewing it must be noted in the video/subtext that permission from the Environment Agency was obtained for the filming/photography.
- The conductor of the drone should be conscious of other guests on the sites and make sure that filming causes as little disturbance as possible to other visitors.
- An unmanned aircraft should never be flown in close proximity to people. Please take precaution not to disturb people's experience, their safety or personal privacy nor the general peace of the protected areas being filmed.
- According to Icelandic law it is forbidden to fly close to cliffs where birds nest. An unmanned aircraft should never be flown near animals or birds, neither in nesting areas nor during nesting season or any other seasonal time when animals or bird habitats are considered vulnerable.
- Flight time should be kept to a minimum and flight should be avoided during the area's busiest times of the day.
- If the use of unmanned aircraft causes disturbance to wildlife in the area, its use should be ceased at once.
- The conductor of the unmanned aircraft is responsible for the aircraft within the protected area. This includes taking responsibility of any possible risk of harm to people, fauna and nature and leaving no permanent marks on the site in question. Should the aircraft crash, all components from it must be collected and removed from the area.

The Environment Agency of Iceland can according to art. 89 in the Nature Conservation Act no. 60/2013 change conditions of the permit, add new conditions or withdraw the permit in order to prevent damage to nature if environmental conditions change.

According to art 89. in the Nature Conservation Act no. 60/2013 the Environment Agency can withdraw the permit if conditions of the permit are not complied to.

Unmanned aircraft should take off and land in a safe distance from other visitors according to regulation 990/2017 on unmanned aircrafts.

The usage of a drone shall be according to [regulation](#).

Permission fee:

Environment Agency of Iceland charges a fee for processing applications for permits in protected areas based on Article 92 of Act no. 61/2013 on Nature Conservation. The fee for constructions, droneflights, cinematography and/or photography is **41.600 ISK** according to art. 29. b. in the agency's tariff no. 1410/2023.

Sincerely

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