

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
Los Poblanos Fields

MAJOR PUBLIC OPEN SPACE
Balloon Landing Rules, Regulations, Policies, and Procedures

EFFECTIVE September, 2017

RULES and REGULATIONS

1. Balloon-landing at Los Poblanos Fields (LPF) Open Space ALWAYS requires communication with a designated Law Enforcement agency [normally the Open Space Unit of the APD] for entry and escort;
2. During the official dates of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta (AIBF), 'NON-EMERGENCY' landings are PERMITTED;
3. During all remaining, 'non-AIBF' dates, ONLY EMERGENCY landings are permitted ('Emergency' defined below);
4. Access to LPF for chase-crews and vehicles is always to be made from Montano Blvd. and Tierra Viva Place. Access shall be through the main southern farm-gate off Tierra Viva;
5. Chase-crew vehicles are **strictly required to remain on dirt farm-roads** during the entire time of the balloon recovery operation;
6. All landings take place within 'approved' areas in LPF, as indicated on maps provided by the City of Albuquerque Open Space Division (OSD).

ONLY EXCEPTION to ABOVE

Landing on the gravel parking-lot in the SW-corner of the LPF property is PERMITTED year-around *without* prior APD contact.

BEWARE of the POWER-LINES BETWEEN PARKING-LOT and FARM FIELDS

The subject parking-lot is (a) due east of the Shepherd of the Valley church complex, and (b) north of Montano Road, and (c) west of Tierra Viva Place, (the LPF entry road off Montano), and (d) south of POWER-LINES and the Hackman Lateral ditch.

See attached hyper-link or map for graphic illustration of above:

https://maps.google.com/maps?msid=216626490915132097177_0004c9ac4e680b39e77eb&msa=0&hl=en&ie=UTF8&ll=35.142508,-106.659785&spn=0.002208,0.003819&t=h&z=18&vpsrc=6

PROCEDURES

- The APD phone-number is 505.242.2677 (242.COPS);
- Caller should ask to be put in contact or relay an URGENT message to the APD 'Open Space Unit' in order to REQUEST ENTRY and ESCORT for the landing balloon's chase-crew;
- The responding Law Enforcement officer will:
 - Make contact w/ the subject balloonist chase crew and un-lock perimeter gate to allow entry into LPF, and;
 - Escort the balloonist and chase-crew into LPF to ensure field-boundaries are respected and that there is no damage to farm crops or farm infrastructure.

'EMERGENCY' DEFINED

A non-routine event that is necessitated by extraordinary conditions – such as rough weather or a mechanical malfunction or failure – and that requires communication w/a designated Law Enforcement agency [normally the Open Space Unit of the APD], in order to coordinate entry and balloon recovery at LPF during 'non-AIBF' times.

COMMITMENT by the CITY/OPEN SPACE DIVISION

Each year, and by the first week in February, the farmers and the Open Space Division (OSD) will:

- Agree on that year's overall crop plan; will
- Designate 'permissible landing areas' based on that plan; and the OSD will;
- Publish a color-coded map indicating the various landing areas to the City web-site:
<http://www.cabq.gov/parksandrecreation/resources-rules/open-space-rules-etiquette/rules-for-balloonists>

See below for areas in Los Poblanos Fields where balloons are permitted to land.

Los Poblanos Fields Open Space Balloon Landing Areas 2017 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta

For Use During the 2017 AIBF Only

- Call 242-COPS for entry and escort through locked gate
- For complete requirements and policy see: <http://www.cabq.gov/parksandrecreation/resources-rules/open-space-rules-etiquette/rules-for-balloonists>



Legend

- Balloons Not Allowed to Land
- Balloons Approved to Land



With sincere wishes for 'Gentle Breezes and Soft Landings.'