

General Launch Tips at Bong And Park Regulations

Safety Rules and Guidelines:

1. You are a participant in an inherently dangerous adult sport. Read the High Power Rocketry Safety Code and follow it. www.tripoli.org
2. Know the performance and specifications of your rocket (weight, CP/CG stability and expected altitude). Remember, the max altitude at Bong is 10,000 ft AGL.
3. Do NOT angle your rocket at the launch pad in such a way that if the recovery systems fails, the rocket impact point is away from the spectator and parking areas. Impacts in the spectator area may result in revocation of flying privileges and Bong. We are aware that you cannot always control the direction of your rocket's flight and that you do not want long walks when the winds are up, but we are firmly behind this rule. An incoming rocket in a clean flight configuration can be fatal or cause sever property damage.
4. As stated earlier, you are responsible for knowing the performance of your rocket. You must consider whether an existing cloud base is too low for your rocket's predicted altitude. You can consult the RSO over this matter before launching. However, if rockets consistently penetrate the cloud cover with obvious velocity, the launching of rockets will be suspended until the cloud base has lifted.
5. When the countdown is given, stop what you're doing and watch the rocket's trajectory or attitude during flight until the recovery system has been deployed or you hear from the LCO that it is safe. You may need to move yourself or children very quickly.

Tips for Flying at Bong

1. It is highly suggested that a dual deployment recovery system be designed in your rocket with flights over 4000 feet with winds exceeding 8mph. (to avoid the long search into the Bong brush and tree lines)
2. When recovery your rocket for a distance, it's a good idea to wear the proper clothes no matter how warm it is. To avoid scraps and cuts, wear long pants, shoes (not flip flops) on your journey. Bring a friend to assist in the search.
3. Yes, Richard Bong Recreational Park has ticks. Please do a tick check regularly after recovering your rocket.
4. If your rocket lands in an area where dog training is being conducted, approach with the intend to ask, if it's ok to enter the area.
5. Certification levels – TWA recommends that, certification flights are a better experience and recovery if you perform a slow and low flight.
6. Experimental and Research motors are allowed at every launch. Please follow the research rules at: <http://www.tripoli.org/Portals/1/Documents/Safety%20Code/ResearchSafetyCode%20-%202017.pdf>
7. No one under 18 years old is allowed to enter the launch pad area
8. Please check our website www.tripoliwisconsin.org regularly before a scheduled launch for changes or updates in the "Rocket Forum" section.

Richard Bong Recreational Park Regulations

1. Bong is a “Carry in, Carry out” park. This means you will be responsible for taking your garbage with you when you leave the park.
2. Do NOT park on the side of the main roads in the park while retrieving your rocket. Always park in a designated area.
3. The speed limit is 25 mph. Please observe it.
4. Do not enter wildlife refuge areas to recover your rocket. These areas are posted and shown on the park information map when these areas are seasonally active.
5. Please follow the signs “Model Rockery Area” to the launch area.
6. Parks Fees: Wisconsin Plates \$8.00 daily. Annual \$28.00 Out of state Plates \$11.00 daily. Annual \$38.00. Please go to <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/richardbong/> for more information.
7. Launch Fees: High power Rockets F class and above (and families, members of the same household) \$10.00 each day. A-E class motors are Free!

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