

LOOK UP IN THE SKY ...



Trial flights for seaplanes are taking place on Lake Burley Griffin from 14 - 19 March 2023!

What will happen during the trial flights?

The trial flights will allow the seaplane operators to become more familiar with conditions on the lake. They will also be able to test a variety of safe options for future take-offs and landings. The trial flights will confirm the best arrangements to minimise disruption to those who use the lake for sporting and recreational activities.

Trial flight take-offs and landings will occur in various areas on West Lake, West Basin and Central Basin. The pilots will find the best areas on the lake to land each time, depending on weather conditions and activities on the lake.

Independent environmental and heritage experts will also assess the seaplane operations in detail, to ensure the heritage and environmental aspects are taken into account as part of finalising the operational requirements prior to permanent operations commencing.

When is the trial occurring and how many flights can we expect at what time?

- Sydney Seaplanes – 14 to 16 March between 9am and 4pm. Subject to weather and wind conditions 6 to 10 flights.
- South Coast Seaplanes – 18 to 19 March between 9am and 4pm. Subject to weather and wind conditions, 4 to 6 flights.

Note: The number of trial flights are more than what is proposed for the permanent operation. The flights are aimed at trialling various scenarios and conditions on the lake at different times of the day.



Best vantage points for viewing seaplanes in action are:

- Commonwealth Place
- Regatta Point
- Acton Peninsula
- National Museum of Australia Jetty



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Who are the seaplane operators?

Sydney Seaplanes and South Coast Seaplanes

Where do they currently operate so I can find out more about their operation?

- Sydney Seaplanes currently operates flights around Sydney Harbour and other destinations in NSW including locations within Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park—which is also heritage listed for its natural heritage values.
- South Coast Seaplanes currently operate scenic flights in the Eurobodalla Shire NSW. They often take off and land on the Moruya River.

What are the proposed schedule for the permanent seaplane operations from the lake?

- Sydney Seaplanes will offer a commuter service between Rose Bay and Lake Burley Griffin. The morning flight on the day will land at 10am on the lake and depart at 10:30am from the lake. The afternoon flight will land at 3:30pm on the lake and depart at 4pm from the lake.
- South Coast Seaplanes will operate scenic flights around Canberra and will be subject to demand.

Where will future passengers embark/disembark?

The pontoon will be located at West Basin/National Museum of Australia Jetty.

I use the Lake Burley Griffin regularly, what should I do if I am on the water and a seaplane is approaching for take-off or landing?

All lake users are encouraged to conduct their activity as they normally would. The seaplane pilot will find a safe landing place on the lake.

Will my activity on the lake be disrupted during the trial and when permanent operations commence?

The trial is being conducted to refine operating arrangements and is aimed at ensuring safety and shared use of the lake including no disruption to existing activities or current lake users.

Who can I contact regarding the seaplane operations?

Please send feedback or comments to:

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