

Washington DC Special Flight Rules Area (DC SFRA) – What Do I Need?

Type of Operation	Two-way Radio?	Mode C?	Xpdr Code?	Flight Plan?	FPL Type?	Speed	Communication w/ ATC	Services Provided
IFR	Yes	Yes	ATC-assigned discrete code	Yes	IFR flight plan	n/a	Yes	All ATC Services
VFR General, including transit through DC SFRA	Yes	Yes	ATC-assigned discrete code	Yes	DC SFRA	≤ 180 KIAS inside DC SFRA ≤ 230 from 30nm to 60 nm from DCA VOR/DME	Yes	Security Services Only
VFR Pattern Work: All Non-Towered Airports	Yes	Yes	ATC-assigned discrete code	Yes	DC SFRA	≤ 180 KIAS	Announce aircraft type, call sign, position on CTAF If able monitor guard 121.5 Upon completion, call ATC to close via telephone at 540-351-6129	Security Services Only
VFR Pattern Work All Towered Airports	Yes	Yes	1234 for towered pattern work	No	n/a	≤ 180 KIAS	Remain in contact with tower If able monitor guard 121.5 If tower is closed, call ATC via telephone at 540-351-6129	ATC Tower Services and Security Services
VFR Leesburg (JYO) Ingress/Egress	Yes	Yes	1226 for egress and ingress	No	n/a	≤ 180 KIAS	Announce aircraft type, call sign, position, intentions on CTAF	Security Services Only
VFR Practice Instrument Approaches	Yes	Yes	ATC-assigned discrete code	Yes	DC SFRA	≤ 180 KIAS	Remain in contact with ATC	As appropriate. ATC will permit practice approaches only if workload allows.
VFR Fringe Airport Egress	Yes	Yes	1205 for egress	No	n/a	≤ 180 KIAS	If able monitor guard 121.5	Security Services Only

DC SFRA Flight Plan -- a flight plan filed for the sole purpose of complying with the security requirements for VFR operation into or out of the DC SFRA. The DC SFRA flight plan is separate and distinct from a standard VFR flight plan. There is no search & rescue associated with the DC SFRA flight plan.