

Assessing an Area for Freeflight**Location Name:** _____**Level of Bird's Skill***Ease of Recovery*

0	1	2	3	4	5
Confined area. Inside buildings or flight cages.	Wide open spaces with unrestricted view and access. Flat plains, agricultural fields, sports fields	Buildings, trees, or terrain may block view of bird. Minor difficulty getting to bird's location.	Landforms will hamper recovery in some places, areas of limited visibility of bird.	Many spots where recovery is very difficult, requires significant effort to navigate or see bird.	Recovery is probably not possible without extensive crew and equipment.

Obstacles

0	1	2	3	4	5
Carpeted or smooth floors.	Open land. Turf and bushes.	Mild elevation change, trees, hills, boulders, rock fields, human object (fences, parked cars)	Significant elevation change, big trees, multiple buildings, noticeable noise level.	Intricate landforms, multiple elevations, areas of dense trees, medium noise level.	Extreme landforms (canyons, cliffs), tall, close buildings, dense forest, high noise level.

Present Conditions

0	1	2	3	4	5
Still air.	Calm air. Dry, no rain.	Light breeze. Light rain. Light mist or fog. Snow on ground.	Winds, gusts. Moderate rain.	Winds interact with landforms to create updrafts and currents. Dense mist or fog.	Wind and landforms may interact to create unsafe conditions. Falling snow.

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0	1	2	3	4	5
Barrier between outdoors and area.	Other animals may spook bird.	Shallow/standing water, unfriendly birds in the area.	Large/moving body of water, chance of predators.	Predators known to be in area, chance of storms.	Dangerous features like gas vents, severe weather, predators in immediate area.

Human Hazards

0	1	2	3	4	5
Only handlers.	Some people, empty country roads.	Buildings, roads with some traffic, groups of people	Busy roads, construction, crowds, designated dog area, power lines.	Dense crowds, downtown urban areas, highways, power transformers.	Unsafe human activities, multiple highways, low flying planes.

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