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Ruckel Field

Ruckel Field, located in Niceville, is a private limited use grass airstrip. Facilities are limited and operations are restricted by the license issued by Florida Department of Transportation (FLDOT).

Location

Three miles due east of the center of Niceville, Florida, and one mile north of the Rocky Bayou Bridge. Latitude 30° 31.2' N, Longitude 86° 26.3' W. The airport is approximately on the 143° radial from the Crestview (CEW) VOR and 22 miles from it.

Obstructions

Tower about 325 feet high (MSL) located approximately one mile south and ¼ mile west of the south end of the airstrip. Sixty-foot pine trees on the east and west sides of the runway and a 4-foot fence near the south end. Sixty-foot pine trees approximately 1200 feet from the north and south ends of the runway.

RADIO FREQUENCY – RUCKEL AIRPORT AREA

Local pilots use 122.9 MHz for broadcasting in the blind within the Ruckel Airport traffic pattern. Use this frequency as a “Unicom” on approaches and departures within or near the pattern, but do not expect an answer, except from other aircraft.

Pattern Procedures

Take-offs will be to the north and landings will be to the south, except in extreme or emergency conditions (same rule as the Florida Department of Transportation). Eglin Air Force Base requests the landing pattern be on the east side of the North-South strip, regardless of which way the wind is blowing. In other words, it would be a standard pattern when landing is being made to the south on runway 18, but it would be a right-hand pattern when landings are made toward the north on runway 36. Traffic patterns will be within one nautical mile of the airport. Traffic pattern altitude is officially “at or below 800' MSL,” but by common consent among the pilots, it is set at 700' MSL.

Approaches

Cleared for approximately 1200 feet on north and south ends, but with 60-foot pine trees extending out from there. Trees on the approaches have been cleared to about a 20:1 approach slope ratio, but tree growth has probably altered this angle over the past years.

Transient Pilots

No charge will be made for a one (1) day visit. Anything over the first day will be charged at the rate of \$5.00 per day plus applicable Florida sales tax. There is no fuel, telephone or gate key available to transient pilots. Arrangement for this should be made before you arrive in this area.

We require 48 hours advance notice prior to coming into Ruckel Airport. The person(s) should have the Ruckel Airport Application and the Airport Instructions, which can be downloaded from this site (see below) or mailed, faxed or emailed to them upon request. We should have the application, which includes the hold harmless agreement, in our office by fax and U.S. mail prior to landing at the airport. The visitor should keep the instructions. Once your application has been reviewed, you will be contacted for further briefing.

Airport Application

The required [airport application](#) is downloadable by clicking on the link on the sidebar. The application includes detailed information pertaining to the airport's rules, facilities, approaches, frequencies used, tie-down privileges, and much more.

Email the application to:

businessoffice@ruckelproperties.com

or

Mail the original copy to:
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1003C John Sims Parkway
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