

# GEORGE T. LEWIS AIRPORT

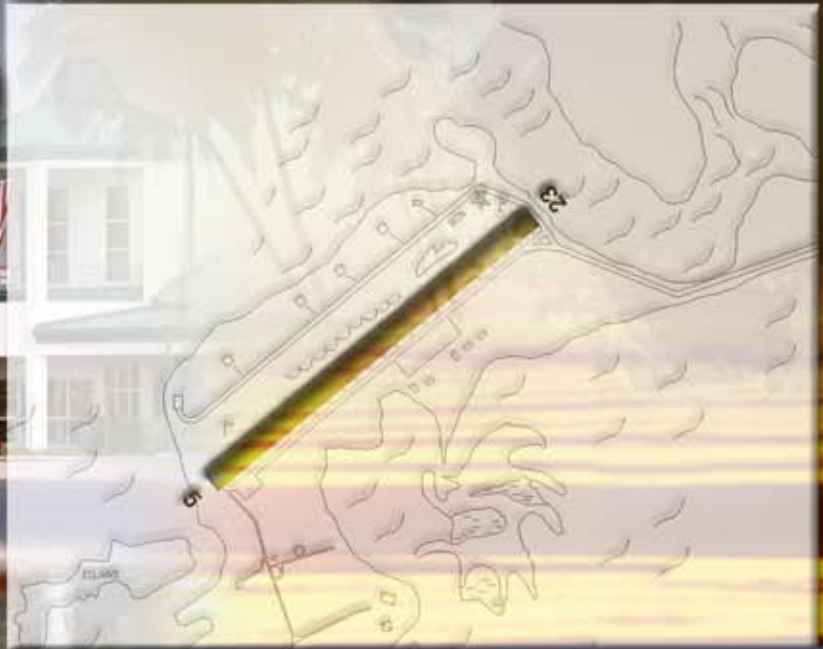
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GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT



## AIRPORT LOCATION



George T. Lewis Airport is located in Levy County in northern Florida along the Gulf Coast, approximately 60 miles southwest of Gainesville. The primary highway access to the Airport from the north and south is US Route 19/98, and from the east is State Route 24 and County Route 345. Other roads in the vicinity include County Route 347.



## Existing Facilities

The airport is served by one paved runway, Runway 05/23, 2,324 feet long by 90 feet wide. The runway is asphalt and in fair condition. There is no taxiway. There are no parking spaces for automobiles. The aircraft parking ramp is small and has approximately six tie-down spaces. There is no fuel available. The county is currently undertaking a project to bring the airport up to standards. The airport had its most recent master plan completed in 2007.

## Current and Forecast Demand

### GENERAL AVIATION

George T. Lewis Airport serves the basic needs of general aviation. The largest plane that uses the airport is a Cessna 172. All three of the based aircraft are stored in hangars. Historic and forecast FDOT aviation activity information on file for the George T. Lewis Airport is as follows:

George T. Lewis Airport	2008	2013	2018	2028
Based Aircraft	3	3	3	3
General Aviation Operations	4,000	4,101	4,205	4,420
Commercial Operations	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enplanements	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: FDOT Aviation Office.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

In its current role, the airport focuses primarily on serving general aviation aircraft. It presently supports sport/recreational flying and visiting aircraft. There is no fuel available. Some business flights use the airport but are a small percentage of the overall operations. The airport could attract more recreational flights. The airport's future role is limited by lack of local funding and environmental factors. The airport does not report any man-made or community factors that will limit its future system role of growth. The airport sees itself staying the same in the future. The airport's vision for its future is to provide an airport for recreational flying.

### OTHER AIRPORT CHARACTERISTICS

Flight training is not a component of this airport's general aviation activity. There are no businesses on the airport. General aviation is used by business in about 20 percent of the annual operations. There are no corporate based aircraft on the airfield at this time. The airport attracts a large number of transient or visiting aircraft, with approximately 80 percent of its operations originating from transient users. The airport does not have any based military aircraft and does not accommodate any military operations.

The airport sponsor is currently in the process of engineering, designing, and constructing improvements to the runway and surrounding environment to bring the airport up to state safety standards. This project should be complete in 2011.

## CURRENT AND FUTURE SYSTEM SERVICE REQUIREMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

The airport currently serves primarily recreational/sport activity, with a moderate amount of business-related activities. There are currently no flight training or military activities on the airport. Except for the runway safety project, there are no planned improvements for the airport, however, management does expect increased use for recreational/sport activities, with the potential for development of additional service facilities, and improved safety overruns. The analysis indicates low indices for no instrument or visual approach aids, land area (airport property is approximately 40 acres), and there are currently no fuel offerings. These conditions will limit the airport to serve primarily recreational/sport activities in the future, with the potential for business/recreational use or service facilities over the planning period.

COMMERCIAL SERVICE ROLE	<u>Current Service</u>	<u>Future Service</u>
Tourism		
Business		
Air Cargo		
International		
GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT ROLE		
Flight Training		
Corporate		
Tourism	X	X
Recreational / Sport	X	X
Business / Recreational		X