

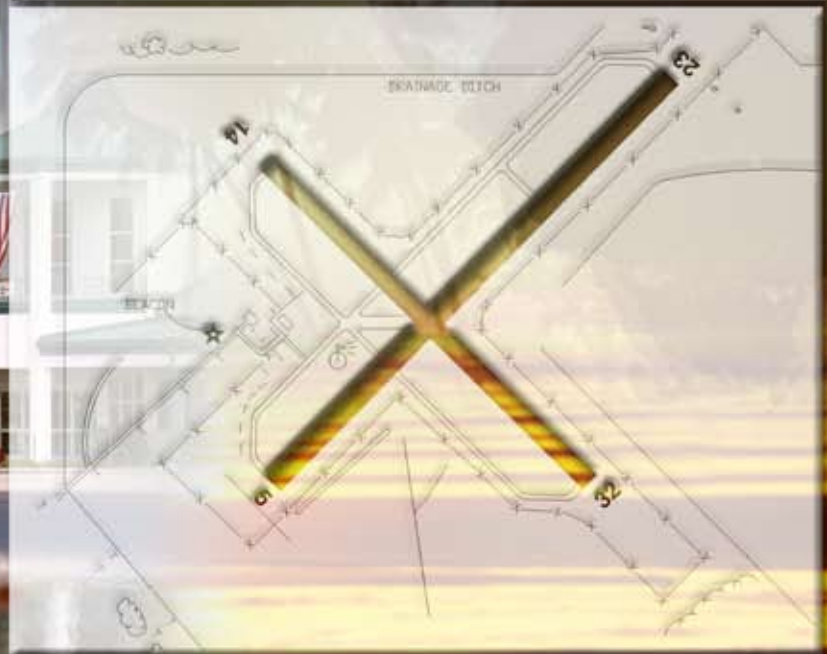
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY AIRPORT

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GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT



AIRPORT LOCATION

Okeechobee County Airport is located in Okeechobee County in South Florida, approximately 45 miles west of Port Saint Lucie. The primary highway access to the airport from the north and south is via US Routes 98 and 441. Access from the west and east is by State Routes 70 and 710. Other roads in the vicinity include State Route 78 and County Route 68.



Existing Facilities

Okeechobee County Airport is comprised of two active asphalt runways, 14/32 and 05/23. Runway 14/32 is 4,000 feet by 75 feet wide and Runway 05/23 is 5,000 feet by 100 feet wide, and in good condition having been repaved in 2003 and 2007, respectfully. Both runways have full parallel taxiways. Runway 5 and 23 has edge lights, PAPIs and RNAV (GPS) non-precision approaches. An Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) provides weather data on 118.675 or 863-467-1148 or via the Internet. Adjacent to the airport's Terminal Building is the 198,000 square foot, lighted parking apron with aircraft tie-downs, which was repaved in 2007. The 24-hour, self-service, Fuel Farm, with two 12,000 gallon tanks of 100LL and Jet-A fuel, is located at the northwest corner of the Apron. The county owns and rents 10 T-hangars and 6 box hangars. All other hangars are privately owned on leased land. A 300kw emergency generator has been installed to ensure the airport's operational status for post-hurricane recovery operations. The airport Terminal contains the Okeechobee Jet Center FBO, the Landing Strip Café, and the airport manager's office. Other FBOs include a full-service A&P Shop, a single/light twin aircraft Paint Shop, and a medium/heavy aircraft interior renovation and paint shop. The Florida Department of Forestry has a fixed-wing and helicopter fire-fighting unit based at the airport.

The airport has identified several initiatives as necessary to serve levels of demand in the near term, including rehabilitation of Taxiway "A", and extension of Runway 05/23 to 6,000 feet. New runway lights and PAPIs on Runway 05/23, and PAPIs on Runway 14/32 will be installed in the fall of 2008.

The airport had its most recent master plan updated in 2007.

Current and Forecast Demand

GENERAL AVIATION

Okeechobee County Airport serves the general aviation needs of the local community. The airport serves corporate and recreational activity, as well as extensive training activity. The largest aircraft that use the airport regularly are Gulfstream II's. The current Airport Reference Code (ARC) as defined by the FAA Circular 150/5300-13 for the airport is D-II (ARC B-II for Runway 14/32). There are 43 aircraft based at the airport. There is a waiting list for hangar space. The airport's FDOT Work Program includes new T-hangar storage spaces. Historic and forecast FDOT aviation activity information on file for Okeechobee County Airport is as follows:

Okeechobee County Airport	2008	2013	2018	2028
Based Aircraft	43	46	50	58
General Aviation Operations	60,000	66,896	74,586	92,719
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, Okeechobee County Airport serves the general aviation needs of the local population. There is a particularly high concentration of flight training at the field. Almost all activity on the airport is related to visiting aircraft. The airport has little or no charter or air taxi activity and has no FAR Part 135 operator at present. The two aircraft refinishing businesses at the field have significantly increased the frequency of transient business use. There is no cargo activity at the facility. There is significant industrial activity present and planned on the airport, with a 100-acre existing park and 200 acres still available for development.

OTHER AIRPORT CHARACTERISTICS

The airport's vision for its future is to attract more corporate and business aircraft. The Okeechobee Jet Center has proposed a new 14-acre, \$14 million privately funded FBO facility specifically designed for corporate and business aircraft. A proposal to commercially develop more hangars for rent and/or sale is presently being considered.

CURRENT AND FUTURE SYSTEM SERVICE REQUIREMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

The airport provides Flight Training, Recreational/Sport and Business/Recreational services. The airport is well prepared to host Part 135 charter operations.

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