

Palatka Municipal - Lt Kay Larkin Field



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AVIATION AND SPACEPORTS OFFICE

Airport: Palatka Municipal Airport -
Lt. Kay Larkin Field (28J)

City: Palatka, Florida

County: Miami-Dade County

Owner: Putnam County

Role: General Aviation Airport

Located in Putnam County, approximately 50 miles east of Gainesville, Palatka Municipal - Lt. Kay Larkin Field primarily serves recreational/sport and general aviation activities. With its three intersecting runways, the longest of which is 6,000 feet, the airport can accommodate mid-size general aviation business jet aircraft. The airport's newly renovated terminal is ideal for serving local users as well as those visiting the area.



Existing Facilities

Facilities at the Palatka Municipal-Lt. Kay Larkin Field include runway 09/27 and runway 17/35. Runway 09/27 is asphalt and measures 6,000 feet by 100 feet. It is equipped with medium intensity runway edge lights, runway end identifier lights, and precision approach path indicators. The runway also utilizes the RNAV GPS instrument approach procedure. Runway 17/35 is asphalt and measures 3,510 feet by 75 feet. It is equipped with medium intensity runway edge lights and precision approach path indicators. Both of these runways are served by full-length parallel taxiways. The airport also includes a 4,000 square-foot terminal with 50 paved automobile parking spaces to serve GA pilots and passengers. Other airfield amenities currently include 32 tie-downs, 54 T-hangars, 3 commercial hangars, 1 corporate hangar, and 2 executive hangars. There is also 100LL fuel and JET-A+ fuel available at the airport for local and visiting aircraft.

For more information, please visit 28J's website at:

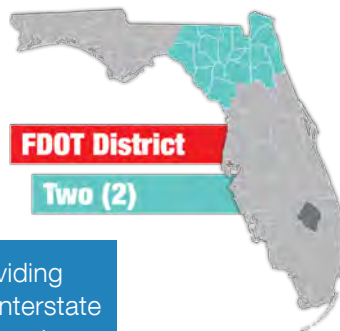
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Airport Classification

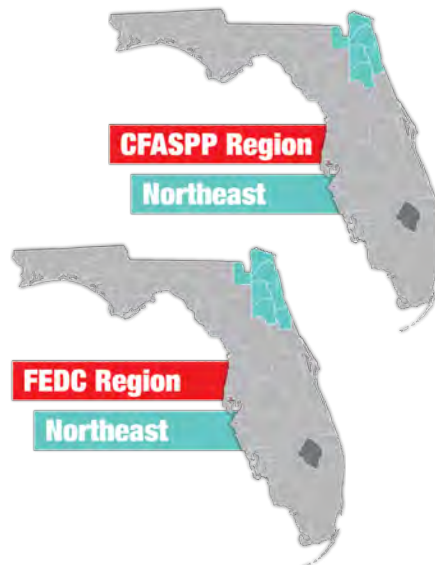


Local airports serve communities by providing access to primarily intrastate and some interstate markets. There are 1,278 Local Asset airports nationwide and 29 within Florida, including Palatka Municipal-Lt. Kay Larkin Field. More information can be found in the Federal Aviation Administration's ASSET Studies at https://www.faa.gov/airports/planning_capacity/ga_study/.



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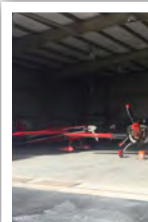


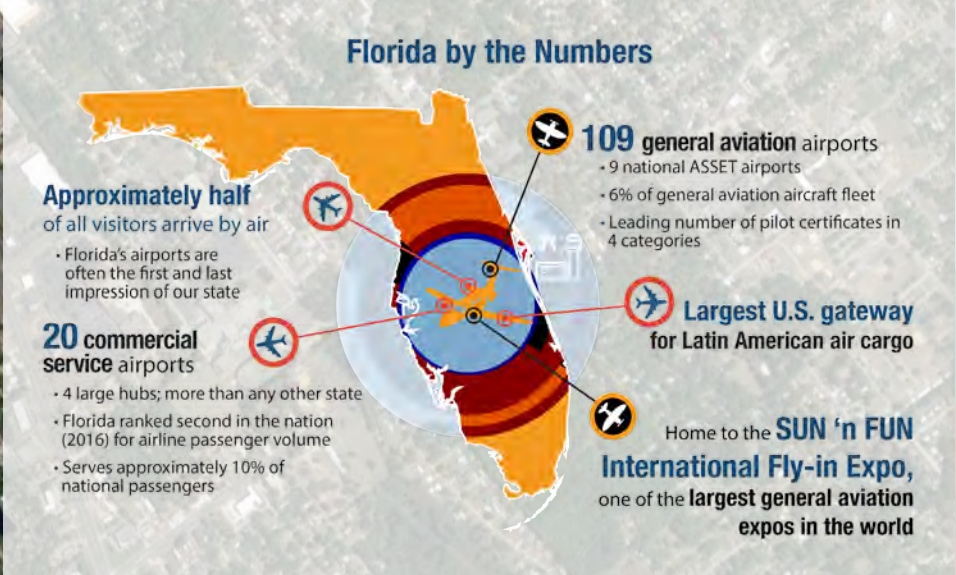
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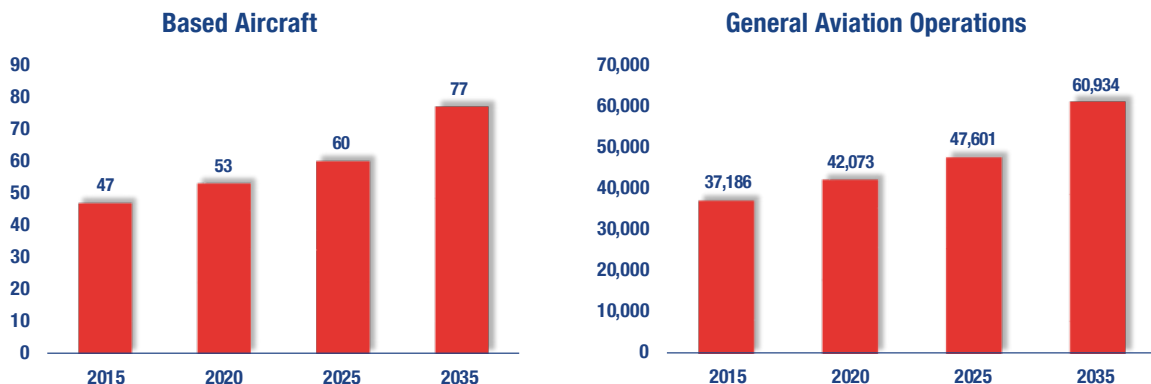


Palatka Municipal-Lt. Kay Larkin Field serves the GA needs of the region. The main activity that occurs at the airport is recreational and sport flying including skydiving operations. The airport is mainly utilized by transient aviators. For the 12-month period ending on February 20, 2017, approximately 91 percent of all operations were attributable to transient aviation while about 7 percent were due local aviation. The airport is also used by several government agencies including local law enforcement, marine patrol, and the Game, Fish, and Wildlife Commission. It also accommodates local fire spotting for the forestry service by providing fuel for their aircraft. There are no flight schools at the airport but flight training still takes place due to pilots practicing operations from neighboring areas. Military exercises and training also take place at the airport by the National Guard. It is estimated that roughly 40 percent of the airport's annual operations are related to flight training. There is some light business activity on occasion at the airport with about 20 percent of the annual operations being business-related. The airport also includes an adjacent Industrial Park with an attached Business Park.



Current and Forecast Demand

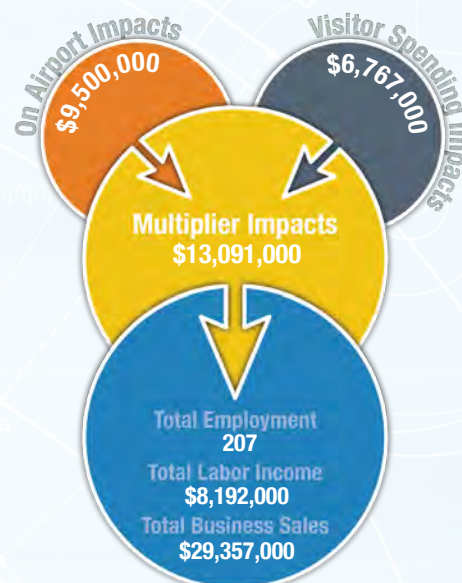
Palatka Municipal-Lt. Kay Larkin Field plays an important role in serving most facets of GA. As of 2014, there were about 52 based aircraft and a total of 37,186 annual operations at the airport. Of the based aircraft, the majority are single-engine airplanes with the remaining being multi-engine airplanes and jet airplanes. Most of the based aircraft are stored in T-hangars or conventional hangars while the rest are stored outside using paved tie-downs. The largest airplanes that use the airport on a semi-regular basis are common business aircraft and the Airport Reference Code is C-II. Historic and forecast FDOT aviation activity information on file for Palatka Municipal-Lt. Kay Larkin Field is as follows:



Economic Impact

Palatka Municipal Airport is located in Putnam County, approximately 50 miles southwest of Jacksonville and 50 miles east of Gainesville. The airport has a general aviation terminal and three intersecting runways, with the longest runway measuring 6,003 feet. The airport can accommodate mid-size general aviation business jet aircraft and serves the general aviation needs of local and visiting users.

The airport primarily supports recreational and sport flying, including skydiving operations. The airport also occasionally supports light business activity. The airport assists in fire spotting for the forestry service by providing fuel for their aircraft, and transient pilots within the region may also occasionally refuel at the airport. The National Guard sometimes uses the airport for military exercises and training. Two or three times a year, the airport assists with local agricultural spraying needs. The airport is also engaged in the community and hosts an annual Fly-In, which attracts over 5,000 people. Aircraft maintenance and repair tenants located at the airport contribute to the airport's overall economic impact.



Other Airport Characteristics

Palatka Municipal-Lt. Kay Larkin Field is mainly used for recreational flying and flight training. It also occasionally accommodates agricultural spraying for the community. Both air taxi operations and transient military operations make up about 1 percent of the annual operations at the airport. The U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Custom's helicopters perform the majority of the military operations. The airport is also engaged in the community by hosting an annual Fly-In.

Current and Future System Service Requirements/Recommendations

The airport primarily serves flight training activities, and management reports modest amounts of business and recreational/sport related operations. There is also a small amount of charter/air taxi and transient military activity. Future activities include improvements to airfield pavements and drainage, additional aircraft storage and airfield lighting improvements. Management anticipates continued flight training and recreational/sport activity, with the possibility for serving corporate and/or light freight operations. Short term analysis does not support any development of commercial services, but indicates that the existing airport property would be sufficient for continued activity as a community airport, offering flight training, recreational/sport access, along with local business/recreational use. A low index for socioeconomic growth indicates that the airport may not have the levels of growth required to justify significantly expanded operations. Additionally, the current runway strength is not sufficient to accommodate larger aircraft however, short term plans call for correcting this deficiency.

General Aviation Airport Role



Flight Training



Corporate



Recreational/Sport



Business/Recreational



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