

Arcadia Municipal Airport



Airport: Arcadia Municipal Airport
(X06)

City: Arcadia, Florida

County: De Soto County

Owner: City of Arcadia

Role: General Aviation Airport



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Located approximately 30 miles northeast of the Port Charlotte/ Punta Gorda area in DeSoto County, Arcadia Municipal Airport serves the general aviation needs of the local community. With its two runways, the longest of which is 3,700 feet, the airport can accommodate small single-engine general aviation aircraft. The airport's terminal is ideal for serving both local users and those visiting the area.



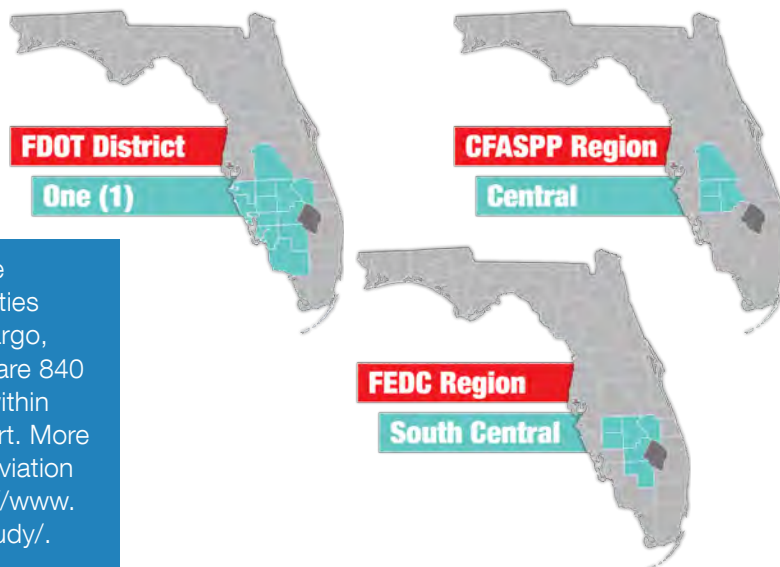
Existing Facilities

Arcadia Municipal airport features two intersecting runways: runway 6/24 and runway 13/31. Runway 6/24 measures 3,700 feet long by 75 feet wide and is paved with asphalt in good condition. This runway is equipped with medium intensity edge lights and a full length paved parallel taxiway, as well as precision approach path indicator lights on runway end 6. Runway 13/31 is a 2,780 foot long, 140 foot wide turf runway in fair condition whose edges are marked by yellow tires. Northeast of the intersection of the two runways is the general aviation terminal and apron area. The terminal building houses airport administration and the fixed base operator, who provides 100 LL Avgas, tie-down and hangar rental, and aircraft maintenance and repairs. The apron area includes 10 tie-down spaces. Additionally, there are 26 T-hangar units, a large maintenance hangar, one conventional hangar, and one partially enclosed hangar.

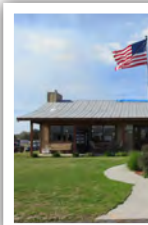
For more information, please visit X06's website at: <http://arcadia-fl.gov/airport.php>



Airport Classification



Basic airports link the community with the national airport system and support activities such as emergency services, charters, cargo, flight training, and personal flying). There are 840 Basic Asset airports nationwide and 11 within Florida, including Arcadia Municipal Airport. More information can be found in the Federal Aviation Administration's ASSET Studies at https://www.faa.gov/airports/planning_capacity/ga_study/.



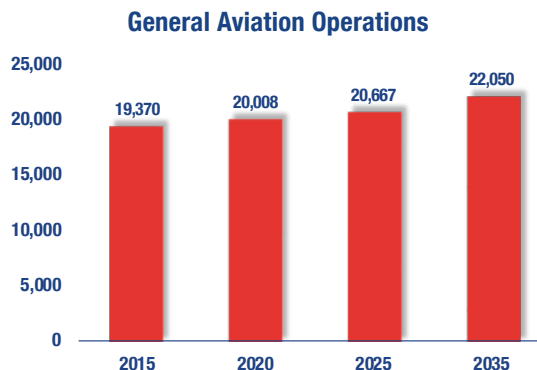
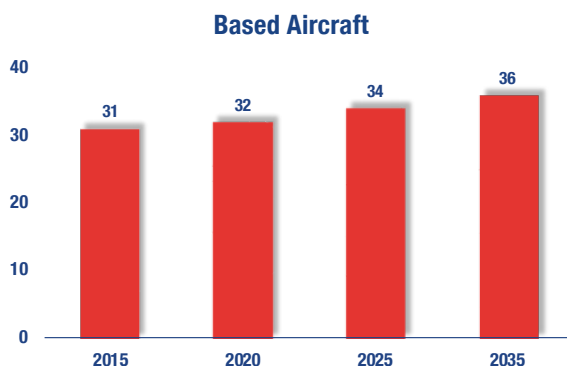


As the only public-use airport in DeSoto County, Arcadia Municipal Airport plays a vital role in supporting the general aviation needs of the surrounding community. The airport primarily focuses on sport and recreational flying as well as flight training. The airport's FBO, Eagle Vistas LLC, offers private and commercial pilot flight training; however, their specialty is agricultural pilot training. In this role, they are one of only three major schools in the US that provide this type of specialized training. Eagle Vistas took over operations at the airport in 2015 and has subsequently completed extensive renovations of the terminal building, maintenance hangar, and fuel farm area. The airport is an important asset for the local community, as it is used in support of emergency medical flights. In recent years, the airport has begun to host regular pancake breakfast fly-ins and family fun days in an effort to attract new visitors and highlight the airport's importance to the community. To this end, in 2014, a volunteer group from the airport's advisory committee constructed an airplane campground at the airport, where pilots can taxi up and pitch a tent right next to their aircraft. This facility is particularly busy during Arcadia's annual All-Florida Championship Rodeo. Arcadia Municipal Airport also supports occasional military operations.



Current and Forecast Demand

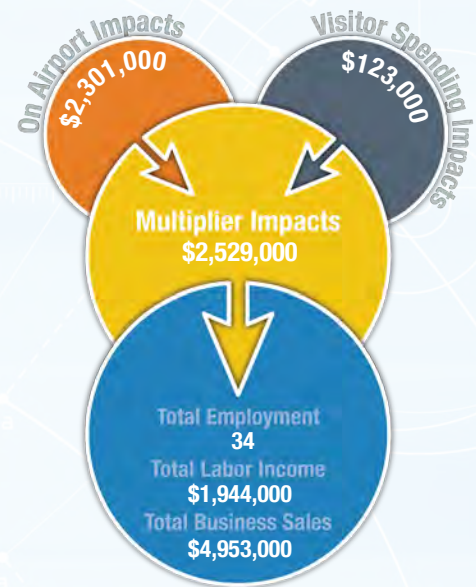
According to Florida Aviation System Plan data, in 2014 there were 3 aircraft based at Arcadia Municipal Airport. During the same time period, there were approximately 30 commercial operations and 19,370 general aviation operations. For the 12-month period ending on October 24, 2016, 65 percent of all operations were local general aviation, 35 percent were transient general aviation, and less than one percent each were air taxis and military operations. The current Airport Reference Code for Arcadia Municipal Airport is B-I.



Economic Impact

The Arcadia Municipal Airport is in DeSoto County, approximately 48 miles southeast of Sarasota. The airport has two runways, with the longest runway measuring 3,700 feet. The airport accommodates small general aviation aircraft and serves the general aviation needs of the local community.

The airport primarily supports recreational flying, with 80% of the airport's recreational activity due to paragliders. The airport also supports flight training and agricultural spraying training. Flight training includes the military, which uses the airport to train and perform their exercises. Emergency medical aviation is increasing at the airport, with patients being life flighted daily. There is also an aircraft manufacturing and repair shop located at the airport. The airport also accommodates one of the biggest events for the local community, the All-Florida Championship Rodeo, by hosting a fly-in camp weekend for those attending the event.



Other Airport Characteristics

Since overtaking the role of the FBO at Arcadia Municipal Airport in 2015, Eagle Vistas LLC has completed several renovation projects, including a full renovation of the terminal building and maintenance hangars, as well as upgrading the fuel farm to an all stainless-steel facility with a credit card reader for 24/7 fuel sales. In the near future, the airport hopes to complete drainage improvements on its turf runway, as well as the construction of additional T-hangars and expansion of existing taxiways.

Current and Future System Service Requirements/Recommendations

The airport offers flight training and serves mostly recreational aviation, making it a Recreational/Sport and Flight Training airport. It plans to continue offering flight training and serving recreational aviation, although it does not have viable quotients in any category because of its low indices in Land Use Compatibility, Financial and Socioeconomic.

General Aviation Airport Role



Flight Training



Business/Recreational



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