

# COASTAL AIRPORT

PENSACOLA  
GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT



## AIRPORT LOCATION



Coastal Airport is located in Escambia County, approximately 10 miles northwest of Pensacola.



## Existing Facilities

The field is a day-VFR airport with a 2,526 foot turf runway that is 210 feet wide. There are eight totally enclosed hangars, and one open shade hangar with space for 10 aircraft. There is fencing around the airfield and power lines are buried at each end. There is also a security gate with electronic combination.

## Current and Forecast Demand

### GENERAL AVIATION

Coastal Airport serves mostly as a recreational and sport/experimental general aviation airport. General aviation constitutes a considerable portion of the airport's annual activity. The airport currently reports 17 based general aviation aircraft. Of this total, approximately 25 percent of the aircraft are stored on paved tie-downs and 75 percent are in T-hangars or conventional hangars. The airport presently reports a waiting list for hangars that shows 30 aircraft.

Historic and forecast FDOT aviation activity information on file for Coastal Airport follows:

Coastal Airport	2009	2014	2019	2029
Based Aircraft	17	19	21	27
General Aviation Operations	14,000	14,533	15,086	16,257
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

The airport serves primarily a recreational role within the area, with Coastal Soaring Association and the Lite Blue Angels Association (EAA Chapter 105). There are also a number of powered, single engine piston aircraft located on the airport. During winter months, it is not unusual for Canadian glider pilots to use the airport.

The ultimate decision concerning the future of Ferguson Airfield to the south of Coastal will most probably have an impact on Coastal and provide opportunities. Ferguson has approximately 50 based aircraft that will have to find a home somewhere in the area if the airport is not continued. Coastal is the nearest general aviation airport.

### OTHER AIRPORT CHARACTERISTICS

The airport is a privately owned airport open to the public. There is currently no master plan or airport layout plan. However, in the future an extension of the runway to the south and the addition of a fueling facility are planned.



## CURRENT AND FUTURE SYSTEM SERVICE REQUIREMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

At the time of this review, the Management reports no current airside or landside improvement projects on the airport. Additionally, the airport does not report any future planned activities and/or improvement projects. However, even with low, socioeconomic, intermodal connectivity and approach indices evaluations, it is assumed that the airport will continue to serve primarily recreational/sport services. Because of the airport's proximity to Pensacola, Tourism (CA) services may be desired. In the future, it is possible that Very Light Jets (VLJs) could be accommodated at the airport, however, some intermodal connectivity will need to be in place.

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
Recreational / Sport	X	X
Business / Recreational		X