

Shell Creek Airpark



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Airport: Shell Creek Airpark (F13)

City: Punta Gorda, Florida

County: Charlotte County

Owner: Frank V. Moss

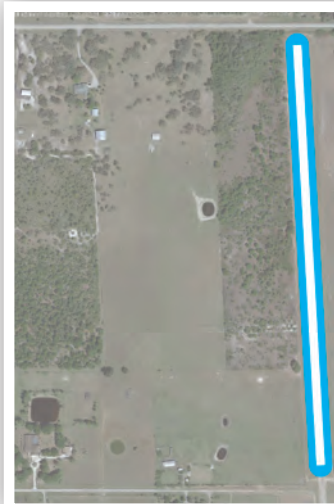
Role: General Aviation Airport

Located in Charlotte County along the Gulf Coast of South Florida, Shell Creek Airpark serves the general aviation needs of recreational users and local businesses. With its 2,600-foot turf runway, the airpark can accommodate small single-engine general aviation aircraft. The airpark's clubhouse is ideal for serving both local users and those visiting the area.

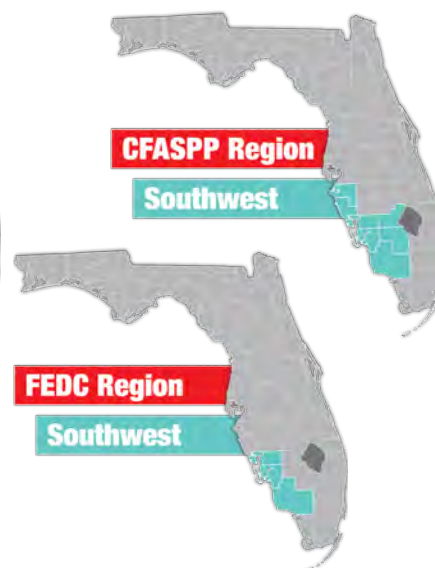
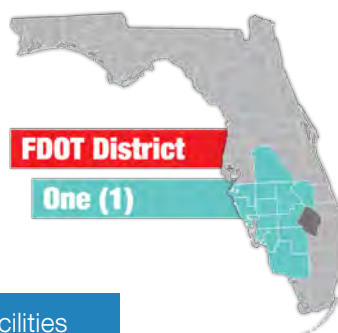


Existing Facilities

Shell Creek Airpark features one turf runway in good condition, runway 18/36. This runway measures 2,600 feet long by 110 feet wide. The runway does not have a designated taxiway nor any navigational markers. There is a small clubhouse to accommodate pilots and passengers. There are no hangars at the airport, but there are eight tie-down spaces.



Airport Classification



Twenty-three privately-owned aviation facilities are open to the public throughout Florida including Shell Creek Airpark. These facilities generally comprise fly-in communities with grass strips or contain short paved runways that primarily serve the recreational general aviation public. Although these facilities are owned and operated by private individuals or companies, the facilities are open to the public for aviation use.





Community Service

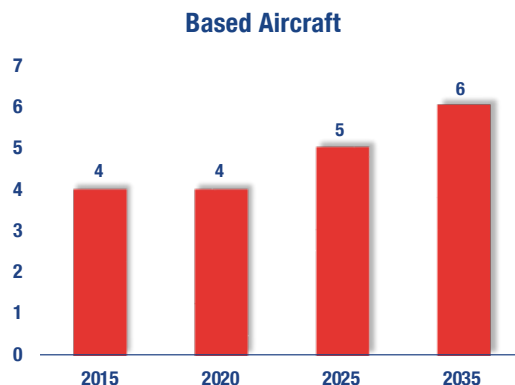


Shell Creek Airpark is a small, privately-owned, public-use airport that primarily supports recreational and sport aviation activity. The most common activity at the airport is related to skydiving operations, with the airport's main tenant, Skydive Southwest Florida, offering skydiving training and jumps. Additionally, Howe Enterprises, a mosquito control service, uses the airport to conduct business.



Current and Forecast Demand

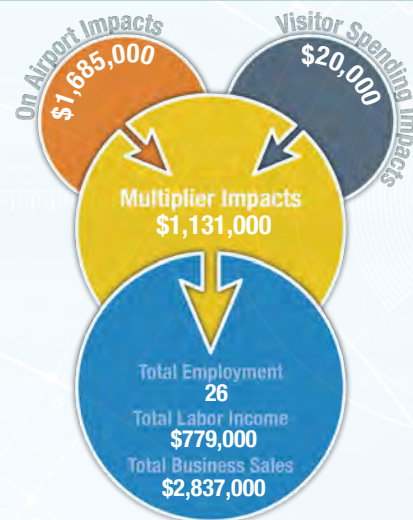
According to Florida Aviation System Plan data, in 2014 there were 11 aircraft based at Shell Creek Airpark. During the same time period, there were 2,190 general aviation operations. For the 12-month period ending on October 31, 2017, 50 percent of all operations were transient general aviation, while the other 50 percent were local general aviation.



Economic Impact

Howe Enterprises, an aerial mosquito control service, and Southwest Florida Skydive Club, a local skydiving organization, are the airpark's tenants. Both tenants are critical to the airpark's revenue streams and economic impacts.

The annual economic impact of Shell Creek Airpark is associated with direct impacts that come from its on-site tenants and construction projects that are undertaken at the airpark. Indirect impacts are associated with spending from visitors who arrive in the area via general aviation aircraft.



Economic data for this airport are based on data from the 2014 FDOT Statewide Aviation Economic Impact Study, adjusted for inflation in 2017 dollars.

Other Airport Characteristics

Current and Future System Service Requirements/Recommendations

The airport provides Corporate, Recreational/Sport (gliders, ultralights), and Business/Recreational (sightseeing, charter, agricultural spraying, mosquito control) services. The airport plans to initiate air cargo and charter service when trade with Cuba opens up. The analysis indicates that the best use of the airport is in providing Recreational/Sport and Tourism services, with a marginal ability to offer Flight Training service. The short runway and lack of an instrument approach make the airport unsuitable for providing future Corporate, Business/Recreational, or Air Cargo service.

General Aviation Airport Role



Corporate



Recreational/Sport



Business/Recreational



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