

Carrabelle-Thompson Airport



Airport: Carrabelle-Thompson Airport(X13)

City: Carrabelle, Florida

County: Franklin County

Owner: City of Carrabelle

Role: General Aviation Airport



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Located in Franklin County, approximately three miles west of Carrabelle, Carrabelle - Thompson Airport primarily serves recreational general aviation aircraft. With its single 4,000-foot runway, the airport can accommodate single-engine general aviation aircraft and smaller twin-engine aircraft.



Existing Facilities

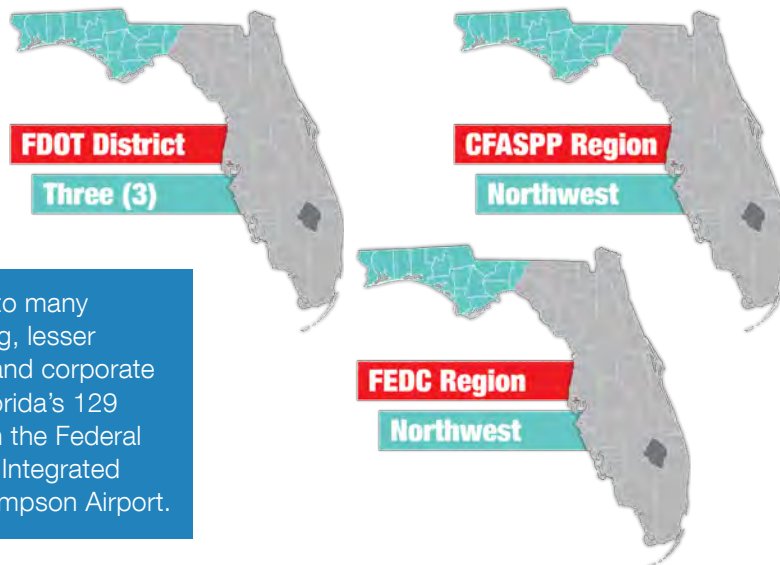
Carrabelle-Thompson Airport features one runway, runway 5/23, measuring 4,000 feet long by 75 feet wide. The runway is paved with asphalt in good condition and is equipped with medium intensity edge lights and precision approach path indicator lights. The airport provides tie-down parking spaces and hangar storage for aircraft. 100LL self-service AvGas is also available.

For more information, please visit X13's website at:

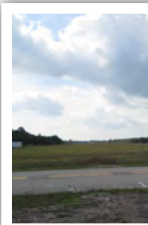
<http://www.mycarrabelle.com/departments/carrabelle-airport/>



Airport Classification



General aviation airports provide access to many benefits of aviation, including flight training, lesser amounts of air cargo, tourism, business and corporate flights, and other aviation activities. Of Florida's 129 public use airports, 29 are not included in the Federal Aviation Administration's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems, including Carrabelle-Thompson Airport.





Florida by the Numbers

Approximately half of all visitors arrive by air

- Florida's airports are often the first and last impression of our state

20 commercial service airports

- 4 large hubs; more than any other state
- Florida ranked second in the nation (2016) for airline passenger volume
- Serves approximately 10% of national passengers

109 general aviation airports

- 9 national ASSET airports
- 6% of general aviation aircraft fleet
- Leading number of pilot certificates in 4 categories

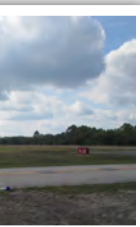
Largest U.S. gateway for Latin American air cargo

Home to the **SUN 'n FUN International Fly-in Expo**, one of the **largest general aviation expos in the world**

Community Service



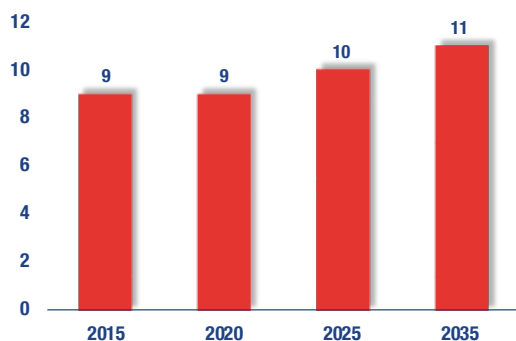
Located along Florida's "Forgotten Coast," the City of Carrabelle and the surrounding area are known for their quiet beaches, sport fishing, recreational activities, and overall natural beauty. In its current role, Carrabelle-Thompson Airport primarily supports general aviation activity related to the tourism industry, with the majority of operations at the airport resulting from recreational and tourism aviation activity. The airport also supports corporate and business aviation activity. The airport wishes to expand its ability to accommodate tourism and business/corporate related activity in the future. To that end, the airport is currently developing a master plan and additional hangar construction has been proposed. The airport is also used by local and regional government agencies, such as the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.



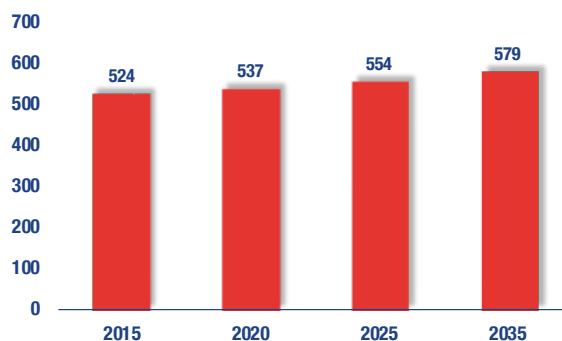
Current and Forecast Demand

According to Florida Aviation System Plan data, in 2014 there were 10 aircraft based at Carrabelle-Thompson Airport. During the same time period, 4,261 general aviation operations. For the 12-month period ending on April 27, 2017, 73 percent of all operations were due to local general aviation activity, while 26 percent were due to transient general aviation activity. The remaining one percent were due to military operations. The current Airport Reference Code for Carrabelle Thompson Airport is B-I which is represented by aircraft such as the Beechcraft King Air, Cessna Citation Mustang, and Piper Cheyenne.

Based Aircraft



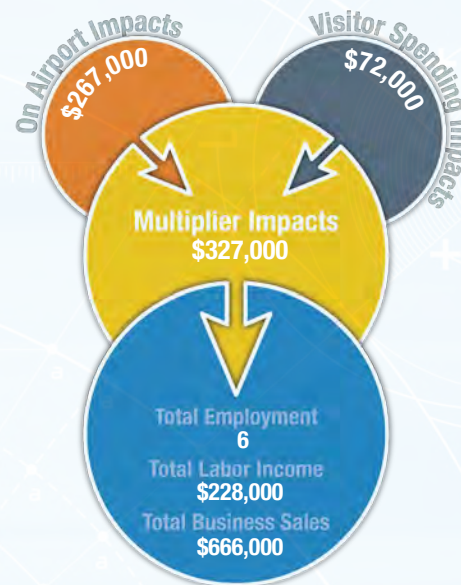
General Aviation Operations



Economic Impact

Carrabelle-Thompson Airport is located in Franklin County, approximately 60 miles southwest of Tallahassee. The airport's one runway measures 4,000 feet. The airport is an important economic asset providing general aviation service to the local area.

The airport primarily supports recreational flying and transient traffic. Transient pilots are attracted to the nearby waterfront and local seafood restaurants, and seasonal residents use the airport when traveling to and from the area. The Florida Forest Service uses the airport for prescribed burns and training, and medical evacuations are occasionally based at the airport. The airport hosts an annual fly in for local aviation enthusiasts.



Other Airport Characteristics

The City of Carrabelle values Carrabelle-Thompson Airport as an important part of the city's future growth. The airport recently began hosting an annual Fly-In and Public Safety Day Extravaganza. The event features displays and demonstrations of equipment from local and regional public safety agencies, including airplanes and helicopters. The airport also supports operations related to law enforcement, forestry fire control, medical evacuation, and search and rescue.

Current and Future System Service Requirements/Recommendations

Due to low acreage, socioeconomic and approaches indices, the airport was evaluated low in most service categories. Due to the location of the airport and lack of facilities (landside and airside), it is possible that the type of activity occurring is a mixture of primarily recreational/sport and business/recreational service. It is assumed that the airport will continue in this fashion. It should be noted that the airport is trying to put together a MP as well as attract an FBO with the upcoming construction of hangars and airfield lighting. It is plausible that these planned facilities/services will help to attract corporate users. The airport is well situated to take advantage of tourism, should the proper facilities (intermodal connectivity, etc.) be in place.

General Aviation Airport Role



Recreational/Sport



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