

# Fort Walton Beach Airport



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**Airport:** Fort Walton Beach Airport  
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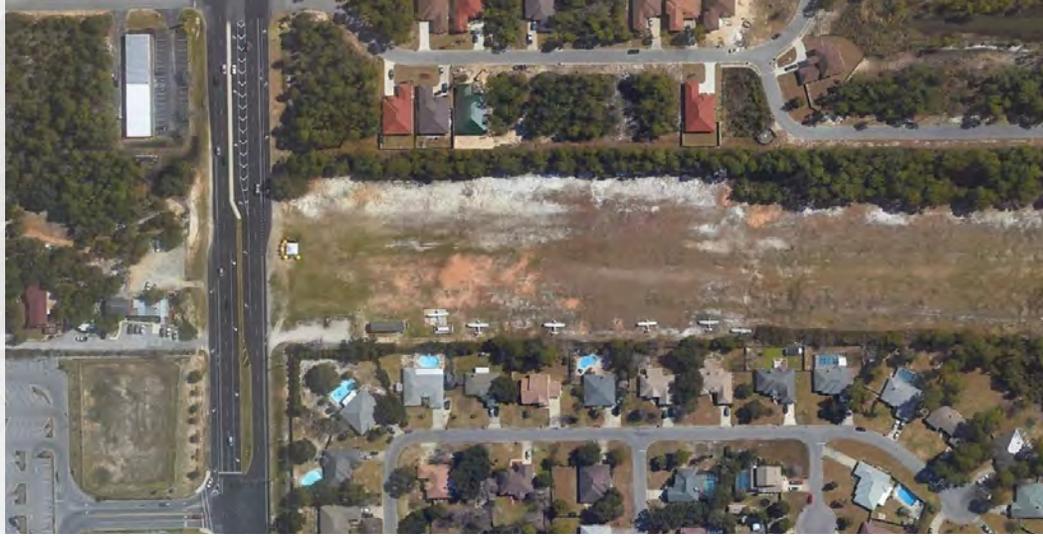
**City:** Navarre, Florida

**County:** Santa Rosa County

**Owner:** Boomer Aviation, INC

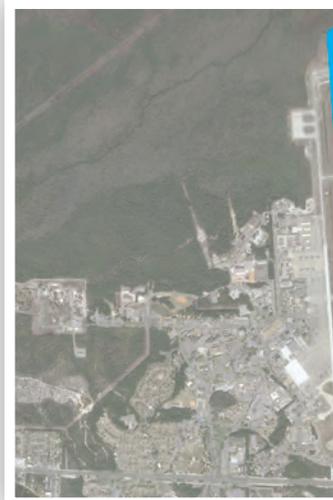
**Role:** General Aviation Airpor

Located in Santa Rosa County, approximately two miles east of Navarre, Fort Walton Beach Airport serves the general aviation needs of the local community. With its single 2,100-foot turf runway, the airport can accommodate small single engine general aviation aircraft.



## Existing Facilities

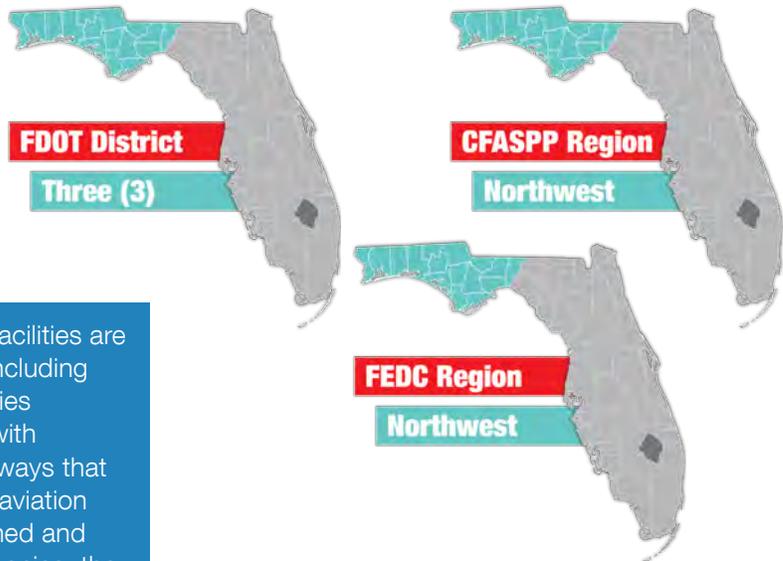
Facilities at the Fort Walton Beach Airport are minimal since there is not the acreage available for constructing hangar and ramp facilities. The airport has one runway, runway 18/36. Runway 18/36 is a turf runway that measures 2,100 feet by 65 feet and is marked with white cones.



## Airport Classification



**NON  
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GENERAL  
AVIATION AIRPORT**

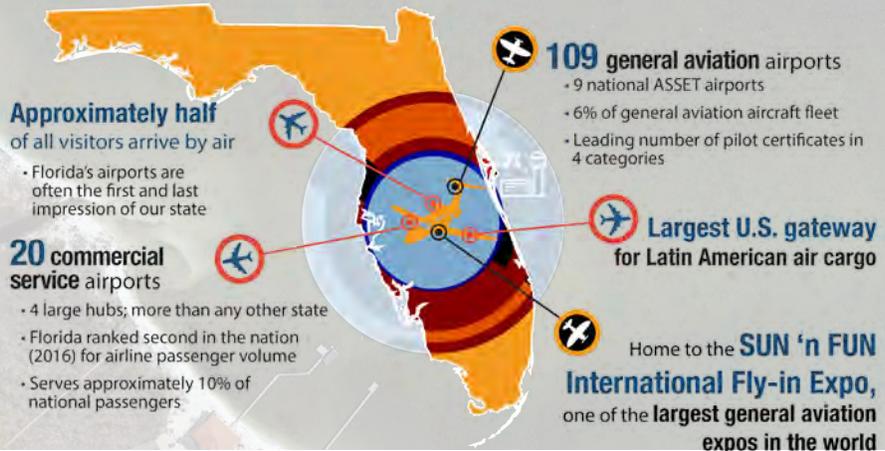


Twenty-three privately-owned aviation facilities are open to the public throughout Florida including Fort Walton Beach Airport. These facilities generally comprise fly-in communities with grass strips or contain short paved runways that primarily serve the recreational general aviation public. Although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





## Florida by the Numbers



## Community Service

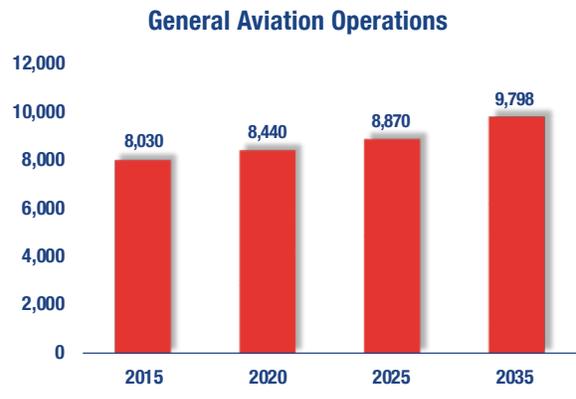
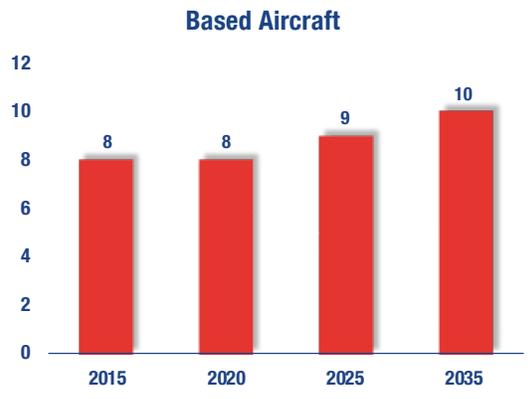


The Fort Walton Beach Airport's proximity to local beaches makes it ideal to be utilized for banner towing. The airport has been used as the staging ground for a banner towing operation for the recent past. Its location is also ideal for supporting the local tourism industry by offering "flight seeing" rides. The airport has the potential to be a recreational airport which would support the growth and development of the surrounding area. Most of the operations that occur daily are by local pilots. For the twelve-month period ending on March 15, 2017, approximately 91 percent of all operations were attributable to local GA aircraft while about 9 percent were due to transient GA aircraft.



## Current and Forecast Demand

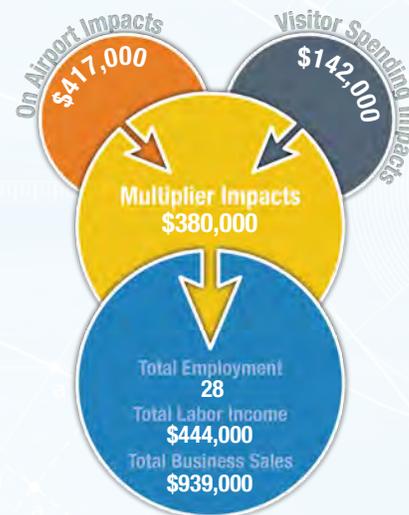
The Fort Walton Beach Airport supports the GA needs of the local area. As of 2015, there were 8 based aircraft at the airport, all which are single-engine airplanes. There were also 8,030 annual operations, with approximately 22 aircraft operations occurring daily. Historic and forecast FDOT aviation activity information on file for the Fort Walton Beach Airport follows:



# Economic Impact

Fort Walton Beach Airport is in Santa Rosa County, approximately two miles east of Navarre. The airport has one turf runway measuring 2,100 feet. The airport accommodates some general aviation aircraft.

The airport primarily supports banner towing for the nearby beach area, but also offer flights for sightseeing purposes. Due to its location, the airport has the potential as a recreational airport that supports the development of the surrounding area. The airport has a few amenities onsite, namely a car rental service and a taxi service.



*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

The Fort Walton Beach Airport is mainly used by banner towing operators. Sightseeing and recreational activity are also a part of the aircraft operations that occur at the airport. There are no military aircraft based at the airport and no transient military operations occur.

## Current and Future System Service Requirements/Recommendations

The airport primarily supports banner towing for the beach area, but it also offers “flight seeing” rides. Due to its location, it has potential as a recreational airport that supports the growing development of Navarre Beach and the surrounding area. Future growth is limited by the proximity to the U.S. Highway and Santa Rosa Sound on the southern tip. Facilities on the airport are minimal, and physical constraints severely limit the potential of any development. No expansion of the airport’s capabilities is planned.

### General Aviation Airport Role



Recreational/Sport



Business/Recreational



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