



## RAF SAFETY BRIEFING

# Blackwater Airfield (8FD3) Blackwater River State Forest Florida

This briefing is advisory in nature and does not replace the responsibility of the pilot in command to use sound judgment regarding skill level, experience and aircraft suitability.

The RAF makes no warranty for the condition of the runway surface or suitability of the airstrip environment.



Position	30°52'25.77"N x 86°51'14.71"W
Runway	18/36
Length x Width	2,500' x 50'
Displaced Threshold	18 700' 36 1000'
Elevation	200' msl
CTAF	122.9 MHz
Sectional	New Orleans
Low Pass	Check wind, animals, objects

User Permit required: call 5 days prior, between 8 & 5 weekdays, 850-957-6140 Enter 0 for dispatch, request Airfield User Permit Application.

Required: "LEAVE NO TRACE" CAMPING

### Caution – Be aware of the following items:

Blackwater Airfield requires prior permission, see above. Intense helicopter and fixed wing Navy training area. Study New Orleans Sectional, use VFR corridors where necessary, contact Eglin or Pensacola Approach when entering this area of the Panhandle. Beware of Florida afternoon T-storms, frontal winds during winter, occasional morning or evening fog.

The airstrip is marked turf. Useable area is the middle 2,500', see diagram. Edges and ends are marked. Runway hazards include depressions, ant hills, gopher holes, deer and turkey on the runway. Wind sock south of marked airstrip, but difficult to see from the air. CEW's ASOS (119.275 MHz) for local conditions. Field drainage is good. Bring tie downs.

**Arrival Procedure:** L pattern runway 36. R pattern runway 18

**Departure Procedure:** Standard procedures. CTAF 122.9 MHz

**Amenities:** Camping on south end of field. Restrooms and showers adjacent to field in Krul Recreation Area campgrounds One is open all year, two are seasonal. Dumpster on road between campgrounds. 6.5 acre spring-fed swimming lake near airfield. Forest Service Fees apply. Payment slips at "Iron Rangers", by restrooms. Fuel available at Brewton 12J, Prince 2R4 and Sikes CEW.

### Emergency contacts: 911.

Blackwater Forest Center, 11650 Munson Hwy., Milton, FL 32570. Phone 850-957-6140; '0' for dispatch. After 10 pm: Santa Rosa County Sheriff 850-983-1100

**Print this brief and take it with you to Blackwater Airfield.**

**Enjoy your visit.**

# ***RAF Code of Conduct***

## ***A vision of excellence for recreational aviators***



### **Pilot**

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- Make safety your highest priority, acting with responsibility and courtesy.
- Develop the skills necessary for safe backcountry aviation. Use instructors and knowledgeable pilots to seek excellence in airmanship through training and practice.
- Establish and adhere to personal minimums based on objective evaluation of ability.
- Research and practice prudent operating practices for the area and airfield you wish to explore. i.e, reporting points and altitudes.
- Anticipate, recognize, share with passengers, and manage risks using sound principles of risk management and aeronautical decision making.
- Maintain a comprehensive awareness of and consideration for all in the flying environment, avoiding all operations that may alarm, disturb, or endanger passengers, people or wildlife on the surface.

### **Aircraft**

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- Use an aircraft that is capable and maintained for the intended mission.
- Be competent in the use of appropriate technologies for navigation, communication, and emergency rescue.
- Carry redundant transceivers and navigational equipment.
- Equip with proper water, food, clothing, shelter, first aid and tools. Prepare for an extended time on the ground if necessary.
- Secure your aircraft.

### **Environment**

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- Use "Pack it in / Pack it out" and "Leave No Trace" practices.
- Keep your aircraft/seaplane clean of weed traces and seed to prevent the spread of invasive vegetation.
- Recognize and minimize the environmental impact of aircraft operations.
- Go beyond applicable agreements, laws and regulations in being considerate stewards of the environment and others who may be sharing it.
- Act with courtesy to other recreators. Maintain reasonable distance and altitude and reduce your noise signature to a safe minimum.
- Know wildlife refuge boundaries and seasonal areas of wildlife congregation to avoid low level overflights.
- Minimize discharge of fuel and oil during refueling, preflight preparations, servicing and flight operations.
- Avoid very early morning departures unless safety of flight requires a deviation.
- Do not use sensitive backcountry airstrips for training. Stay long enough to enjoy their special recreational benefits.