

Alaska Float Trip



The Pilot Club

"I Froze My Nuts off in Alaska"
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- Recommend seaplane: single 100-150kts
- Set the weather as you like. Most use live weather with time set back a few hours.
- Moving map GPS: ForeFlight, FltPlan Go, Garmin Pilot.
- Bring your Sectional Charts and look outside!
- Bring your camera and share your pictures in our Discord.

Suggested add-ons & charts

1. Kodiak sectional chart

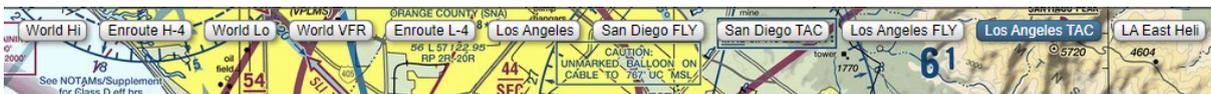
FSX/P3d	MSFS 2020	X-Plane 11
Alaska sceneries	PAKD Kodiak Municipal Airport / 9Z3 Lilly Lake Seaplane Base Kodiak island seaplane bases (megapack) Kodiak Alaska Viekoda Bay, Kodiak Island Alaska Alaska Cook Inlet Rigs - Offshore Oil Platform Placement	Kodiak Alaska 1.5

Flight plan

9Z3 - Whale Passage - KPY - Cape Uganik - Northeast Arm - WSJ - South Arm - Zachar Bay - AK81 - KMY - KOY

Use the briefing section to visualize the route in your electronic flight bag (EFB). The challenge of VFR is to not become *Children of the Magenta*. The Flight Ops team wants you to understand the flight plan and special rules with certain airspace; then execute the plan. Use your charts as reference instead of a crutch.

Use the dynamic charts that are made available in SkyVector to see sectional, TAC, FLY, and other specialized charts for the area.



ALASKA UNTAMED!

Located 250 air miles southwest of Anchorage, the city of **Kodiak, Alaska** is home to approximately 6,100 residents, and is the main city on Kodiak Island, the

United States' second largest island after Hawaii's Big Island. Covering 3,588 square miles, Kodiak Island is 73 square miles bigger than Puerto Rico.

Briefing

We will depart **KODIAK (LILLY LAKE)** (9Z3) and head north towards the south side of SPRUCE ISLAND. Here we will follow the passway to join MARMOT BAY on a 284° heading on our way to WHALE ISLAND where we will fly by via the WHALE PASSAGE, which starts on the southern part of the island. Our first seaport, **PORT BAILEY** (KPY), will be just around the corner.

We will depart KPY and head northwest over to the outer part of the island and fly over OUTLET CAPE and CAPE UGANIK right after following NORTHEAST ARM on our way into **SAN JUAN UGANIK** (WSJ). We will depart by circling the island and coming back the way we came from until we reach WEST POINT VILLAGE (KWP), here we will follow SOUTH ARM inland but be ready to turn west just past the mountains so we can reach ZACHAR BAY.

Once clear of the bay, **AMOOK BAY** (AK81) should be to the south on the east side of Amook Island. Depart AK81 and fly south approx 10nm and join the river through the valleys and on our way to **MOSER BAY** (KMY). Once you've flown over KMY head northwest until you reach OLGA BAY. Turn northeast and just like that with a short hop we'll get to our final destination of **OLGA BAY** (KOY).

A bit of realism

We aim to interject real world parameters to the VFR flights. Read and understand the procedures prior to flight. Any questions or comments contact the Flight Ops team.

1. [AC 91-36D - Visual Flight Rules \(VFR\) Flight Near Noise-Sensitive Areas](#)
2. [14 CFR § 91.119 - Minimum safe altitudes](#)

Airport information

Take a few minutes to become familiar with the airport, the runway diagrams, etc. Most of the information can be found on Skyvector's site. Each ICAO links to their respective pages.

Departure

Name	ICAO	Elevation ¹	Runways
Kodiak (Lilly Lake) Seaplane	9Z3	130 ft	

¹ All elevations are indicated as feet mean sea level.

Base			
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Touch and go

ICAO	ICAO	Elevation ¹	Runways
Port Bailey Seaplane Base	KPY	0 ft	

Port Bailey Seaplane Base is privately owned by Kadiak Fisheries. It has one seaplane landing area designated E/W with a water surface measuring 10,000 by 2,000 feet.

ICAO	ICAO	Elevation ¹	Runways
San Juan (Uganik) Seaplane Base	WSJ	0 ft	

San Juan (Uganik) Seaplane Base is privately owned by the San Juan Fishing & Packing Co. This facility has one seaplane landing area designated N/S with a water surface measuring 10,000 by 2,000 feet.

Arrival

ICAO	ICAO	Elevation ¹	Runways
Olga Bay Seaplane Base	KOY	0 ft	

Olga Bay Seaplane Base is privately owned by the Alaska Packers Association. There is one seaplane landing area designated ALL/WAY with a water surface measuring 10,000 by 1,000 feet.

VATSIM

One of the goals during the flight is to have air traffic control support from real people through the VATSIM network. Register for a free account at vatsim.net and complete the new member orientation in order to join the network.



When filing a flight plan with VATSIM make sure to add the following remarks to help support the club and increase our presence on the network.

Flight Ops General Aviation Team

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For more information about this organization visit thepilotclub.org. There is also good information on the [Standard Operating Procedures](#) page. We also have a very active Discord server.

References

1. https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/digital_products/vfr/
2. <https://notams.aim.faa.gov/notamSearch/nsapp.html#/>
3. <https://www.thinkaviation.net/notams-decoded/>