

Bush Flying Series



The Pilot Club

"Byrd's Backcountry Flight Festival"

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

8 pm EDT (0000z)

FLY-IN EVENT

Not a TPC Member? Click [here](#) to join!



- Recommended airplanes: single or dual engine, bush rated birds, float planes (Husky, Kitfox, Wilga, Gravel, Carbon, etc) - 130kts or less (low n' slow is the way we go.)

- Set the weather as you like, live weather is preferred but sometimes the snow isn't accurate so we can change it depending on snow levels (which can be inaccurate in MSFS).
- Live time, or a couple hours earlier if you want brighter conditions.
- Moving map GPS: LittleNavMap, FltPlan Go, stick n' rudder.
- Bring your camera and share your pictures in our Discord.

Suggested add-ons & charts

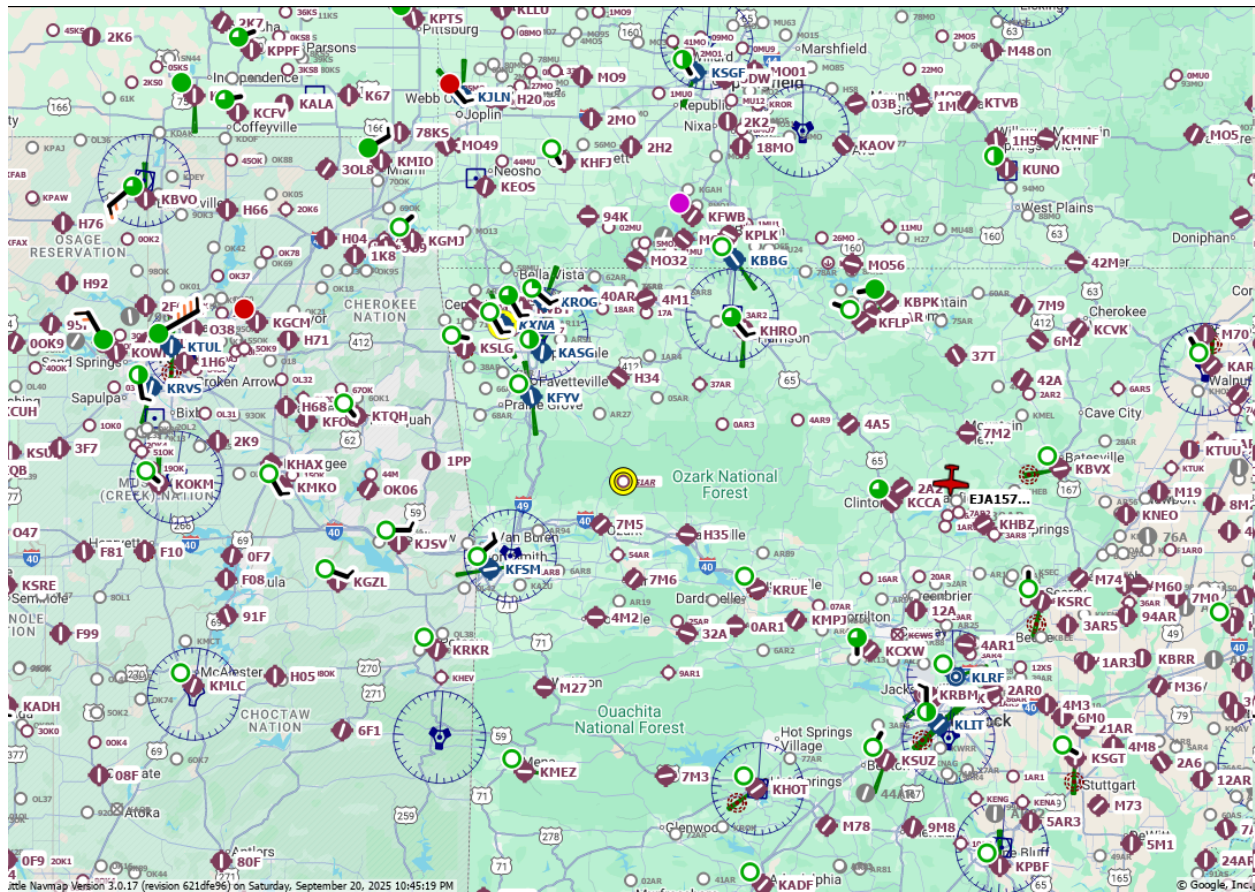
FSX/P3D	X-Plane 11/12	MSFS 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Terrain Mesh (freeware) • Orbx Global Base (payware) • Orbx Global Vector (payware) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UHD Mesh Scenery v4 • Byrd's Back Country Airstrip (XPlane 11) • Mulberry River Ortho Photo (XPlane 12, developed by N8033F) • Fall Bash Fly-in Scenery (XPlane 12) • The Arkanstol 2023 Course Byrd's Adventure Center (XPlane 12) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parallel 42's Campout - available for purchase through Orbx (if you want that extra little bit of immersion when camping out at the end of the night). • Got Friends Canoe • Powerlines and Solar Farms • MSFS Map Enhancement - allows you to replace the Bing Imagery with Google Maps, which tends to be more up-to-date • Parallel42's SimFX - adds a lot of eye candy, including contrails, wing and rotor wash, and more! • We Love VFR Region 1 (Europe, Africa and the Middle East) • We Love VFR Region 2 (Americas)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We Love VFR Region 3 (Asia and Oceania) • Bushtalk Radio Client • Bushtalk Radio Website • Bushtalk Radio Landmark Pack for LittleNavMap • 51AR - Byrd's BackCountry - ArkanSTOL Course (preferred) • ArkanStol scenery for Byrd's Adventure Centre (51AR)
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Flight Plan

No flight plan, pilot's discretion to 51AR

Use the photo provided to brief yourself on this trip's intended flight path. Bush flying is a lot of exploring, stepping out of your comfort zone, and being in charge of your flight. The challenge of Bush Flying is to know your limits, play within them, and to not get yourself into any situations you can not make it out of. The Flight Ops Team; and especially Dylan, want you to experience the sim and the beauty it holds like you never have before. Upon creation of the Discord thread, the accompanying LittleNavMap flight plan will be included, as well as any other relevant information for the flight.



LittleNavMap is a free to use, open source flight planner, navigation tool, moving map, airport search and airport information system for FSX, P3D, MSFS, and XP11. Pick it up here at: [Alex Projects \(albar965.github.io\)](https://github.com/albar965/LittleNavMap)

Potential airspaces to consider:

- Dependent on pilot's flight plan

SOME PHRASE RELATIVE TO THE FLIGHT

Bush Flying Series

Every 4th Wednesday of the month at 0000z we will embark on a new backcountry flight where the ultimate goal is to hone your off-field skills, bring you closer to the sim's wonderful scenery, and step outside of your comfort zone. Most importantly, *HAVE FUN!*

Briefing

No route briefing. This is a fly-in event so that means you get to choose whatever starting airport and route you want to fly. We will all meet at the designated airport (see arrival section below).

Time on Target

Departure airport is pilot's discretion to Byrd's Backcountry (51AR). Arrive at the destination airport between 0100z - 0200z

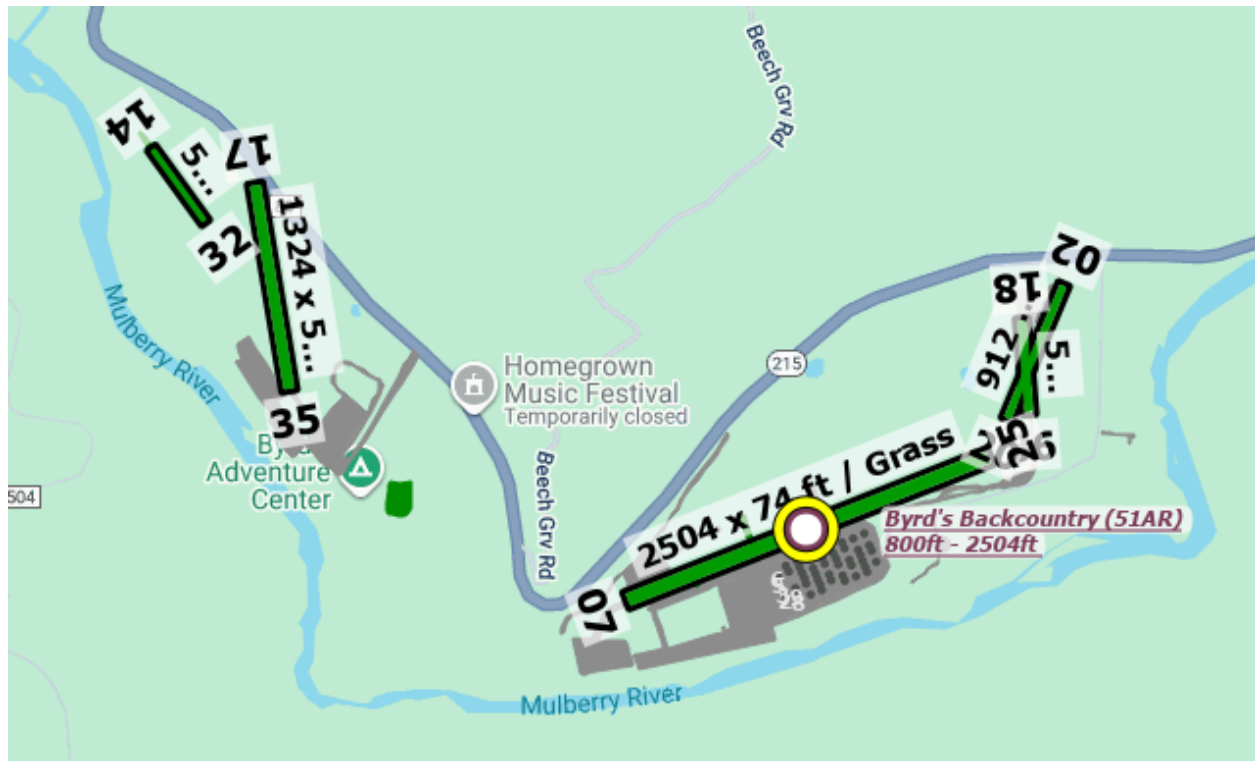
Additional details and discussion of the flight can be found in the [dedicated thread on Discord for Bush Wednesdays](#).

Arrival

Name	ICAO	Elevation ¹	Runways
Byrd's Backcountry	51AR ²	800 ft	02/20, 07/25, 14/32, 17/35, 18/36

¹ All elevations are indicated as feet mean sea level.

² Not available in FSX. In XPlane the code is XK002S.



Kick off your shoes, gather around the fireplace, and break out the cameras to relive your amazing flight into the Ozarks. Feel free to explore the area more in the morning, and please don't forget one of the most important parts of backcountry flying - **Leave no trace.**

To keep backcountry airstrips and natural spaces safe and enjoyable for others, avoid leaving behind any trace of your visit. Perhaps the best way to protect the great outdoors is to adhere to the “pack it in, pack it out” practice. Before leaving, carefully inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash, leftover food, and litter. Dispose of waste properly and always try to leave an area better than you found it.

About Byrd's Backcountry Flight Festival

From the organisers:

“Experience the thrill of backcountry flying like never before. Whether you're a seasoned pilot or just a fan of aviation, this is your chance to be part of something special. Over five days, we'll bring together aviators and enthusiasts for unforgettable STOL demos, hands-on workshops, and community fun. Ready to take flight?”

The spiritual successor to ArkanSTOL, Byrd's Backcountry Flight Festival aims to be the ultimate backcountry flying experience. Information about the festival can be found here: [Byrd's Backcountry Flight Festival](#)

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.



For the bush flights, Vatsim is by no means necessary. Should a flight ever be set up to be flown with Vatsim I will let you know in the briefing - but for the most part, we will be going where Vatsim coverage ceases to exist. Please monitor Unicom (122.8) or the appropriate CTAF frequency for other traffic and to make the appropriate calls, and of course don't shy away from talking amongst the group if you so wish in the Discord server!

When filing a flight plan please use the following remarks to help boost visibility of The Pilot Club on Vatsim:

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SUNDAY-FUNDAY (Interim)

GA TUESDAY

GROUND CREW/BACKUP HOST

BUSH / STOL, FLY-IN THURSDAY

FRIDAY NIGHT OPS

FRIDAY NIGHT OPS BACKUP HOST

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RAMP OPS

FLIGHT OPS TEAM LEAD

CHALLENGE FLIGHTS

DISCOVERY FLIGHT

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. [Backcountry Etiquette: Best Practices for Flying in the Backcountry - Hartzell Propeller](#)