

Tallahassee Touchdown



GA TUESDAY

The Pilot Club

"Tomorrows City Today"

01/28/2025

Time: 8pm EST (0100Z)

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- **Suggested aircraft:** Choose a single or twin-engine plane capable of 100-150 kts.
- **Weather settings:** Adjust to your preference, though many opt for live weather with the time rolled back a few hours.
- **For GPS navigation:** Consider using moving map apps like ForeFlight, FltPlan Go, or Garmin Pilot.

- Don't forget to take photos and share them with our community on Discord.

Suggested add-ons & charts

1. Atlanta sectional // Jacksonville sectional

FSX/P3d	X-Plane	MSFS 2020/24	Primary Scenery
Default Scenery Fine	Default Scenery Fine	Lawson AAF Tallahassee Int Airport PAYWARE	

Secondary sceneries and utilities for MSFS

General

- [We Love VFR - Region 2](#)
- [Global AI Ship Traffic For MSFS: GAIST Ultra Version 6](#)
- [MSFS Addons Linker](#)
- [Scenery Map from Flightsim](#)

Flight plan

The flight plan provided here is a basic copy-and-paste version for a general overview of the route. For the detailed and actual plan, please refer to the Standard Briefing section.

KLSF KABY KTLH

Alternative flight plan

Should the weather conditions not be favorable for visual flight, here's an alternate IFR route that you can file with VATSIM. Ensure to plan for a cruising altitude of **3,000 ft.**

KLSF PREST V321 PZD V97 SZW KTLH

Flight simmers looking to sharpen your skills, use the briefing section and your electronic flight bag (EFB) to thoroughly visualize the route. Embrace the challenge of VFR flying by avoiding over-reliance on automated navigation - don't be "Children of the Magenta." It's crucial for the pilot to fully grasp the nuances of the flight plan and the specific regulations governing different airspaces before execution.

Treat your charts as a valuable tool for reference and understanding, rather than as a mere dependency. This approach will enhance your practical navigation skills and deepen your overall aviation knowledge.

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



Florida's Capital City

Standard briefing

Lawson departure

Depart **Lawson AAF (KLSF)**, and head southeast (158) for 19 nautical miles to reach the neighborhood of Lumpkin. Then head eastbound (118) for 11 nautical miles to reach the village of Weston. Follow the **State Road 280** for around 16 nautical miles, to reach the town of Dawson. Now heading east (107) for 14 nautical miles will take you to the booming city of Leesburg. After reaching Leesburg, head southbound (187) for 11 nautical miles to attempt a touch-and-go at **Southwest Georgia Regional (KABY)**.

Head slightly east (177) for 10 nautical miles to reach the small neighborhood of Baconton. Now head southwest following **Highway 19** for 9 nautical miles, to reach the city of Camilla. Going southeast (156) for 12 nautical miles passing Pelham to reach the rural area of Meigs. Take it back southwest (220) for 12 nautical miles to reach the massive town of Cairo. This time, head south (197) for 15 nautical miles to reach the edge of Lake Lamonia. Finally, continue for another 14 nautical miles to reach the capital of Florida, and our destination of **Tallahassee International Airport (KTLH)**.

Weather

Within the standard briefing, it's essential to keep track of weather conditions. Consider the following reports:

Adverse conditions

Convective

[Convective SIGMETs](#)

(WST)

[Convective Watches](#) (WW)

[Graphical AIRMETs](#)

Synopsis

Weather charts

[Surface Analysis](#)

[Daily US Weather Map](#)

Current conditions

[METARs](#)

[NWS RADAR Site](#)

[PIREPS](#)

[SATELLITE](#)

En route forecast

[Graphical Forecast for](#)

[Aviation \(GFA\) Tool](#)

[Prognostic chart](#)

[Generate soundings and other Model analyses and forecasts](#)

Destination forecast

[TAFs](#)

Wind and temps aloft (FB)

[By region](#)

Aviation notices

[Special Use Airspace](#)

[NOTAM Search](#)

[Notices to Airmen](#)

ATC delays

[National Airspace System](#)

[Status](#) (FSS Command Center)

PIREPs

[Creating a PIREP](#)

[Easy form for submitting PIREPs](#)

A bit of realism

Our goal is to incorporate real-world parameters into the VFR flights. Please ensure you read and understand the procedures before your flight. If you have any questions or comments, reach out to the Flight Ops team or use the Discord thread (#gat-events) dedicated to this event.

United States Regulations

1. Read [§ 91.113 – Right-of-way rules: Except water operations](#)
2. Read [§ 91.119 – Minimum safe altitudes: General](#)
3. Read [§ 91.127 – Operating on or in the vicinity of an airport in Class E airspace](#)
4. Read [§ 91.129 – Operations in Class D airspace](#)
5. Read [§ 91.130 – Operations in Class C airspace](#)
6. Read [§ 91.131 – Operations in Class B airspace](#)
7. Read [§ 91.133 – Restricted and prohibited areas](#)
8. Read [§ 91.151 – Fuel requirements for flight in VFR conditions](#)
9. Read [§ 91.159 – VFR cruising altitude or flight level](#)
10. Read [§ 91.179 – IFR cruising altitude or flight level](#)
11. Read [§ 91.211 – Supplemental oxygen](#)
12. Read [§ 91.215 – ATC transponder and altitude reporting equipment and use](#)
13. Read [AIM 7-5-6 – Flights Over Charted U.S. Wildlife Refuges, Parks, and Forest Service Areas](#)
14. Read [Special Flight Rules Area \(SFRA\)](#)

Restricted airspace

- KTLH Class Charlie
- KABY Class Delta
- KLSF Class Delta

Airport information

Spend a little time getting to know the airport, including the runway layouts and other details. Much of this information is available on Skyvector's website. You'll find links to the specific pages for each airport there.

Departure

Name	ICAO	Elevation ¹	Runways	Parking
Lawson AAF	KLSF NOTAM	227 ft	15/33	East Ramp

Lawson Army Airfield (KLSF), located at Fort Moore (formerly Fort Benning) in Georgia, is one of the oldest active military airfields in the United States. Established in 1919, it played a crucial role in early military aviation and later became a key training base during World War II. The airfield has supported countless airborne operations, including training paratroopers for historic missions like the D-Day invasion

Touch and go

Name	ICAO	Elevation ¹	Runways
Southwest Georgia Regional	KABY NOTAM	196 ft	17/35, 23/05

Southwest Georgia Regional Airport (KABY) in Albany, Georgia, was originally built in 1935 as a municipal airport but gained prominence during World War II. It was transformed into Turner Army Airfield, a training base for fighter pilots.

Arrival

Name	ICAO	Elevation ¹	Runways	Parking
Tallahassee International Airport	KTLH NOTAM	83 ft	18/36, 09/27	North Ramp FBO

Finally, **Tallahassee International Airport (KTLH)** began as Dale Mabry Field in 1929, serving as a military training base during World War II for B-25 bomber crews. After the war, the site transitioned to civilian use, officially becoming Tallahassee Municipal Airport in 1961.

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](https://www.vatsim.net) and complete the new member orientation in order to join the network.



¹ All elevations are indicated as feet mean sea level.

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.

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Model matching

Whenever you encounter another pilot while flying on VATSIM, the VATSIM client looks through all the model information it found during the start-up scan, and picks the best match. If no match can be found, it will display the aircraft using your **default model**.

The client will choose a default model for you, but if you want to use a different default model, you can change it by entering a different model title in the Default Model text box on the Model Matching tab in the Settings window.

- [General Aviation vPilot VMR file](#)
- [TPC Liveries Package + vPilot VMR file v.4](#)
- [Helicopter \(general\) vPilot VMR file v.1 + instructions](#)

TIP: If you are not using custom model matching in FS2020 and flying GA: In vPilot change default model matching to this: **Generic Piston Single Engine Asobo 01**

General Aviation Tuesday

The purpose of this event is to get pilot's away from simply inputting waypoints and airports into their navigation system. We try to get you to read the sectional chart by following along with the text briefing. There are a couple of event formats:

1. **Cross-fire** - This format puts pilots on the same path, but each group starts out on the opposite end of the route.
2. **Real world fly-ins** - This format is our attempt to replicate real world events. It's the pilot's choice how they get to the destination.
3. **Direct** - This format is our normal routing with optional touch-and-goes. We all start around the same place and end up at the same airport.
4. **Regional tour** - This format is a series of flights where we create multiple legs in order to achieve a flight in a specific region. It follows a direct format as well.

Additional flights

Every **first Tuesday** of the month we will embark on touring the United States one state at a time. The goal is to visit the capital and/or famous landmarks of each state. Every **third Tuesday** of the month we will explore our world with a regional tour. This tour typically lasts for the rest of the year.

If you're interested in more general aviation flights the club also hosts a BUSH WEDNESDAY group flight on the **fourth Wednesday** of each month.

Flight Operations Team

- Andrew Crossin, TPC826 *SUNDAY-FUNDAY*
- Dylan, TPC76 *GROUND CREW*
- Dylan, TPC1496 *BUSH / STOL, FLY-IN THURSDAY*
- Stuart B, TPC73 *FRIDAY NIGHT OPS*
- VACANT *FLIGHT OPS TEAM LEAD*
- Jude, TPC801 *CHALLENGE FLIGHTS*
- VACANT *WORLD TOUR*
- VACANT / Andrew, TPC51 *GENERAL AVIATION*
- Mike, TPC1079 *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

Links

General

1. <https://chat.openai.com>
2. <https://my.vatsim.net/pilots/aip>
3. https://www.thepilotclub.org/resources#model_matching

United States

4. https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/digital_products/vfr/
5. https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/digital_products/aero_guide/ - Aeronautical Chart Users' Guide
6. <https://notams.aim.faa.gov/notamSearch/nsapp.html#/>
7. <https://www.thinkaviation.net/notams-decoded/>
8. <http://www.moratech.com/aviation/notam-abbrev.html>
9. <https://www.aviationweather.gov>
10. <https://www.thinkaviation.net/levels-of-vfr-ifr-explained/>
11. <https://aopa.org/>
12. <https://www.eaa.org>
13. <https://sua.faa.gov/sua/siteFrame.app>

Canada

14. <https://tc.canada.ca/en/corporate-services/acts-regulations/list-regulations/canadian-aviation-regulations-sor-96-433>
15. https://tc.canada.ca/sites/default/files/2021-11/TP_15286_11x17_EN_NOV21.pdf
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17. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=giHaxwudS_E
18. <https://mapviewer.fltplan.com/>
19. <https://coastaldrone.co/how-to-read-vnc-vfr-navigation-charts-the-legend/>