

Lost Bridge Village Airport (40AR)

Perhaps the most recognizable feature of Lost Bridge Village is our airport. It doesn't matter if you are catching your first glimpse over the cowl of an airplane coming in over the amazing scenery of Beaver Lake or through the windshield of your car as you negotiate the switchbacks as you enter the "Lower Village" and see the combination of lake, mountain, and runway framed by the opening of the trees. First timers are sure to be hit by the "Wow!" effect.

Originally built by the developer of Lost Bridge Village in the 1960s to allow potential clients to fly in, the runway fell into disrepair as the developer's role in the community diminished and was closed in 2006. It reopened as a private facility with new asphalt pavement in 2007 as a result of financial contributions of neighborhood pilots and capital improvement funding from the property owner's association.

It now serves not only the aviation interests of the members, but as the longest and most level stretch of ground in the area is well utilized for non-aviation uses such as those who prefer to walk or jog on an even surface. It is also the venue for the annual Fly-In and Antique show which is open to the public (fly or drive) and grows larger each year. It is held in September or October.

If you are interested in flying here please read the Frequently Asked Questions below and do your due diligence preflight planning. The airport page on Airnav can be found at <http://airnav.com/airport/40AR> . Our runway was re-numbered during summer of 2022 to 15/33, but some sources may still reference 13/31.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Can I land there? On June 19, 2023 the Lost Bridge Village Board of Trustees approved a motion to open the airport to the public under the terms of the Arkansas Recreational Use Statute. So, the general answer is yes, as long as the aircraft, pilot, and weather are all compatible with safety. Prior to this resolution, the airport had only been open to property owners, folks having a reason that benefited property owners, emergency use, and some charitable causes. It may take a while for the new status to make it into the published airfield information and websites.
2. Who do I contact for permission to land?
It is not necessary to contact anyone in advance. You can always contact the LBVCA office or the airport manager (and resident pilot), Steve Bray at 479-359-0317 if you have any questions.
3. Are there any fees? No. The airport is supported primarily by assessments of the property owners of Lost Bridge Village. If you would like to make a donation towards the upkeep and improvement of the airport, contact the office at 479-359-3204. A donation station will eventually be installed on the airport property as well.

4. What is the communication frequency for aircraft?

The CTAF is 122.9.

5. What do I need to know about this airport?

The runway is on a ledge of Whitney Mountain. Under most conditions it should be considered a one way in/out back country runway. Most landings should use 33 and takeoffs use 15 unless conditions and aircraft capabilities dictate otherwise. When arriving on 33, any go-around should be done early and high to avoid terrain. Watch for updrafts and downdrafts over the 33 numbers as terrain drops off sharply towards the lake. Maintain runway centerline as there are trees both sides of the runway. This is a woodsy area, so expect deer and other wildlife in the vicinity especially around dawn and dusk. "Village people" often use the runway for exercise so caution should be used for them as well.

6. Are there any noise abatement procedures? The airport is surrounded by a residential area. Please be considerate to the locals, such as limiting the number of practice operations,

7. What kind of aircraft are permitted?

The use of the airport is not restricted by aircraft type. Pilots are responsible for determining if the airport is suitable for their aircraft.

8. What facilities are available?

There are tie down spots at a couple of places along the runway, but you need to bring your own chains/ropes. There are spaces near the windsock at the approach end of 33 and on the West (left) side of 33 around mid-field. No fuel or hangars are available. The closest (driving) fuel, hangars, and maintenance facilities are at Rogers (KROG) and Bentonville (KVBT).

9. Where can I park my car?

Day users of the airstrip, including walkers and joggers can park off the street along East Airport Drive and West Airport Drive at various points or at the maintenance building on the North end. Please do not block the chained-off maintenance access points.

10. Can I land a seaplane on Beaver Lake?

As of now there are no facilities specifically designed for seaplanes, however operations are permitted, and auto gas is available at most marinas. Beaver Lake is operated by the U S Corps of Engineers, and they control the operations permitted. Beaver lake has the following restrictions on seaplane operations (provided in an email from the Beaver Lake Project USCOE office on 10/21/2015):

"Sea plane landings and takeoffs are restricted within 2600 feet of any lock, dam, causeway or bridge crossing and within 500 feet of any park or public launching area as shown in red on the map. Once a sea plane is on the water it is considered a vessel and must abide by all regulations for vessels. Also, as with vessels, a sea plane cannot sit in one place (shoreline) for more than 24 hours without being used."

Contact the USCOE for a copy of the map referenced above.