

# 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? The short answer is that our airport is private and unless your landing serves to benefit a member or members of the Lost Bridge Village Community Association, the answer would be no. That being said, there are a few exceptions to that rule.
  - a. Aircraft in distress.
  - b. Aircraft engaged in survey, safety, ambulance, or similar activities.
  - c. Aircraft on legitimate missions for charity organizations such as Angel Flight, Pilots & Paws, etc.
  - d. LBVCA sponsored Fly-Ins or similar events open to the public.
2. What do you mean by "benefit a member or members" in the previous answer? Your visit should have a purpose relating to a member of the Lost Bridge Village Community Association (someone paying LBVCA POA assessments). This is liberally interpreted. Some examples would be:
  - a. You or a passenger are an LBVCA member.
  - b. You are landing to meet up with a LBVCA member for business or pleasure.

- c. You are landing to meet a real estate agent to visit LBVCA member properties for sale.
- d. You are renting/leasing a LBVCA member property or are meeting up with someone who is.

Some examples which are prohibited if you don't meet the above criteria:

- a. You want to practice landings or are giving or receiving flight instruction to a non-LBVCA member.
  - b. You want to meet up with friends or family who have a rental or home which is not part of LBVCA, and this airport happens to be conveniently located.
3. How do I know if the person I'm meeting or the house I'm renting is part of LBVCA? There are a few ways of finding this out.
- a. Ask the person you are coming to see or the owner the house being rented if they pay annual assessments to LBVCA. Get a name in case you are challenged.
  - b. Do you know the subdivision the person or rental is in? LBVCA covers a number of non-contiguous areas including Whitney Mountain, "The Lower Village", Deerwood, Cedar Acres, and Posy (aka Posey) Mountain Ranch.
  - c. Call the LBVCA office at 479-359-3204 for assistance.

4. Who do I contact for permission to land?

It is not necessary to contact anyone in advance if you meet any of the above criteria. Please be prepared to provide your justification if asked by LBVCA security or other curious residents who may not recognize your aircraft. If you are not sure you meet the criteria to use the airport, you can always contact the LBVCA office or the airport manager (and resident pilot), Steve Bray at 479-359-0317.

5. What is the communication frequency for aircraft?

The CTAF is 122.9.

6. 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.

7. What kind of aircraft are permitted?

The use of the airport is not restricted by aircraft type. Everything from powered parachute to light twin is welcome. Pilots are responsible for determining if the airport is suitable for their aircraft.

8. Why don't you let anyone use the airport?

The airport is supported by the assessment fees of the membership. Unlike many residential communities with an airstrip, we are not primarily an airpark. The vast

majority of the membership are not pilots and don't necessarily see providing public aviation facilities as an appropriate use of their money. That being said, the pilot community at Lost Bridge is passionate and we would love to see more aviation enthusiasts come here to live. Real estate here is a real bargain and assessments are low for a lake resort area, so one way to use the airport with no hassle is to buy property here. You may just find you want to build a vacation or full-time residence.

9. 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).

10. 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.

11. 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.