

# *Camping with your Airplane*

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# Aviation Equipment

- Tailor to your needs
- Tailwheel / Tundra Tires OPTIONAL!





## RV-4 at Negrito, Gila National Forest NM





# Satellite Messenger





# Fix a Flat





# Fly Ties





## Puppy Pod



## Finding a Destination

- Resources include:
  - State Pilot Associations
  - [theraf.org](http://theraf.org)
  - [bajabushpilots.com](http://bajabushpilots.com)
  - [www.americanaircampers.net](http://www.americanaircampers.net)
  - [Shortfield.com](http://Shortfield.com) / [BackcountryPilots.org](http://BackcountryPilots.org)
  - [AdventurePilot.com](http://AdventurePilot.com)
  - [pilotgetaways.com](http://pilotgetaways.com)



## Guidebooks

- Flyer's Recreation Guide NW and SW – Alta Research, Inc.
- Fly Idaho!, Fly the Big Sky, Fly Utah!, Air Baja – QEI Publishing, Inc.

## Kernville - California (Lake Isabella)





# Kernville Campground





## Ryan Field - Montana (Glacier National Park)



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## On Field Camping Across from the Pilot Shelter





# Priest Lake - Idaho



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# Priest Lake Campground



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## Grapevine - AZ



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## Double Circle Ranch - Arizona



# Negrito - NM



## Camping Gear

- Shelter
- Food/Water
- Utility
- Recreation



- Light Weight
- Compact
- Easy to set up



# Shelter





## Food

- Simple to prepare
- Keeps well
- Little waste





## Utility – the neat stuff!

- **Tables**
- **Lighting**
- **Chairs**
- **Tools**



## Sun Shower – High Wing





## Sun Shower – Low Wing





## Procedures / Tips

- Start out easy





## Work up to the Challenging Airstrips



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Train with a CFI who is familiar with the area



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## Planning Considerations

- Availability of Water
- Nearby markets for supplies
  - McCall, Idaho
  - Grangeville, Idaho
  - Kalispell, Montana
  - West Fork Lodge, Montana



## Packing the Airplane

- Cargo Net
- Organization of supplies

## Arrival

- Practice the High-Medium-Low inspection
- Look over the airport from the air
  - Distance from water and facilities
- Look for animals
- Evaluate the Landing Surface



## High Pass

- At high altitude, check approaches & distance from water and facilities





## Medium Pass

- At medium altitude, check for animals on the runway & obstacles





## Low Pass

- At low altitude, check surface carefully
- Look for rocks, holes, moisture



## Setting up Camp

- Use fuel vent cover on uneven surfaces
- Collect Firewood before it gets dark
- Position the campfire well away from the airplane



## Planning the Return Flight

- GPS with XM weather is invaluable
- Get up-to-date pireps from incoming pilots
  - Air taxi operators can give false hope
- Be prepared to spend longer if required
  - Carry extra food, water, basic comfort items
  - This is even useful if you land after an FBO has closed

# HAVE FUN!



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