

# Aviator's Code of Conduct

## **Preamble:**

The Arizona Pilot's Association (APA) and The Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF) are partnering to advance backcountry aviation in Arizona, and every pilot plays a part in our success. Each of us is an ambassador to the non-flying public, and to the land managers responsible for the airstrips we enjoy. Please do your part by practicing these few rules. We want to be the friendliest and most helpful recreational users these land managers work with!

## **Pilots will abide by all State and Federal regulations regarding the use of aircraft.**

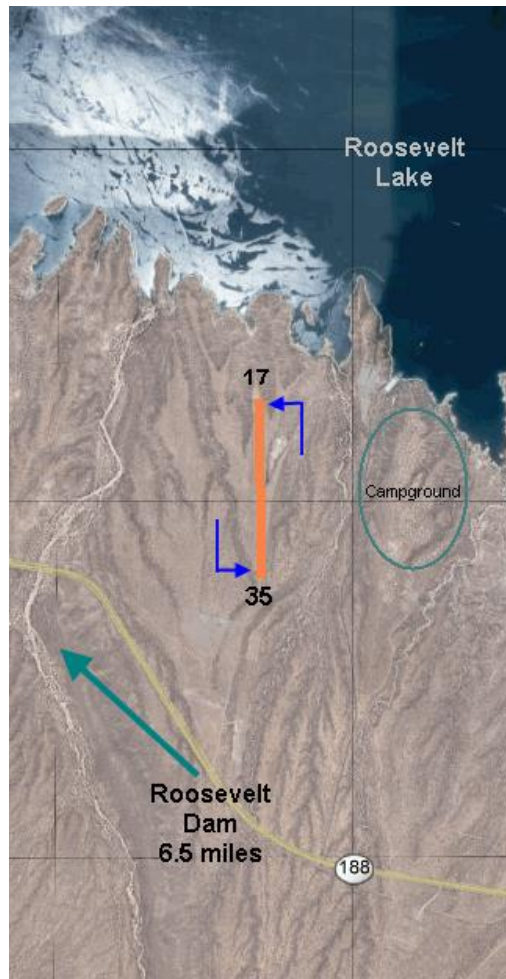
- Act with all possible courtesy to those on the ground who are hunting, horseback riding or observing wildlife, by maintaining reasonable distance and altitude.
- Know wildlife refuge boundaries as well as seasonal areas of wildlife congregation to avoid inadvertent low level over-flights.
- Avoid putting potential stress on wildlife.
- Get appropriate permissions when required, prior to using an airstrip.

## **Pilots will practice good wilderness and backcountry flying ethics.**

- Keep the noise signature of the aircraft to a safe minimum.
- Practice "leave no trace" camping. Fly it in, fly it out.
- Avoid very early morning departures unless safety of flight demands a deviation.
- Be courteous to other users in the area.
- Do not use these airstrips for training purposes or just to say "I've been there."
- Keep the aircraft clean of noxious weed seed to prevent the spread of weeds to backcountry airstrips.
- Participate whenever possible in work events to maintain these airstrips.

## **Honor the Land Manager's Vision and Rules for the Airstrip**

Many hours of negotiations and work go into each backcountry airstrip and trust is earned through fulfilling our commitments to the land managers. A few rogue pilots can destroy this trust and set our backcountry efforts backwards for years. On the other hand, honoring these agreements can go a long way towards these efforts, and even opening new airstrips, so get to know the vision and rules for each airstrip.



**Shades, Picnic Tables, Fire Ring with cooking grate and Pit Toilet Available**  
**September through April by your APA & RAF**

**If you value this airstrip, please donate to help us preserve it!**

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# Grapevine Airstrip Information

## **88AZ**

Your Partners in the  
AZ Backcountry



[www.AZPilots.org](http://www.AZPilots.org)



[www.theRAF.org](http://www.theRAF.org)



## Hazards

- Varying surface conditions
- Veering off RWY may damage aircraft
- 40' width with stumps along edges
- 3800' length with 1.3% slope
- 51' rise to the south
- Frequent military use and activity!
- Crosswinds common
- Potential downdrafts
- Wildlife on runway

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## Grapevine

### **RESTRICTIONS**

**Charted as private to ensure:**

**No Training, Touch & Go or Commercial Operations!**

**Automobile access to Grapevine is not allowed except for support vehicles.**

Events will be posted at:

[www.AZPilots.org](http://www.AZPilots.org)  
[www.Facebook.com/AZPilots.org](http://www.Facebook.com/AZPilots.org)  
[www.theRAF.org](http://www.theRAF.org)

Please contact us for more information regarding this airstrip and long term plans and needs.

If you plan on Camping, please let us know at:

[Grapevine@AZPilots.org](mailto:Grapevine@AZPilots.org)

## Group Event Specifics

Group Events Most Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend  
Check website calendar  
Shut down on runway and push off.  
**DO NOT power off dirt onto runway**  
CTAF is: 122.9

Pattern is: 1,000' LEFT

**Avoid flying over the campground at higher throttle settings! Avoid the dam and monument areas to the west of the airstrip.**

### **DISCLAIMER**

Neither the APA, the RAF, or the U.S.F.S. encourage your participation at these events, and you are responsible for, and are the final authority as to, the operation of your aircraft.  
**By your decision to land, you assume all risk for yours and your passenger's safety!**