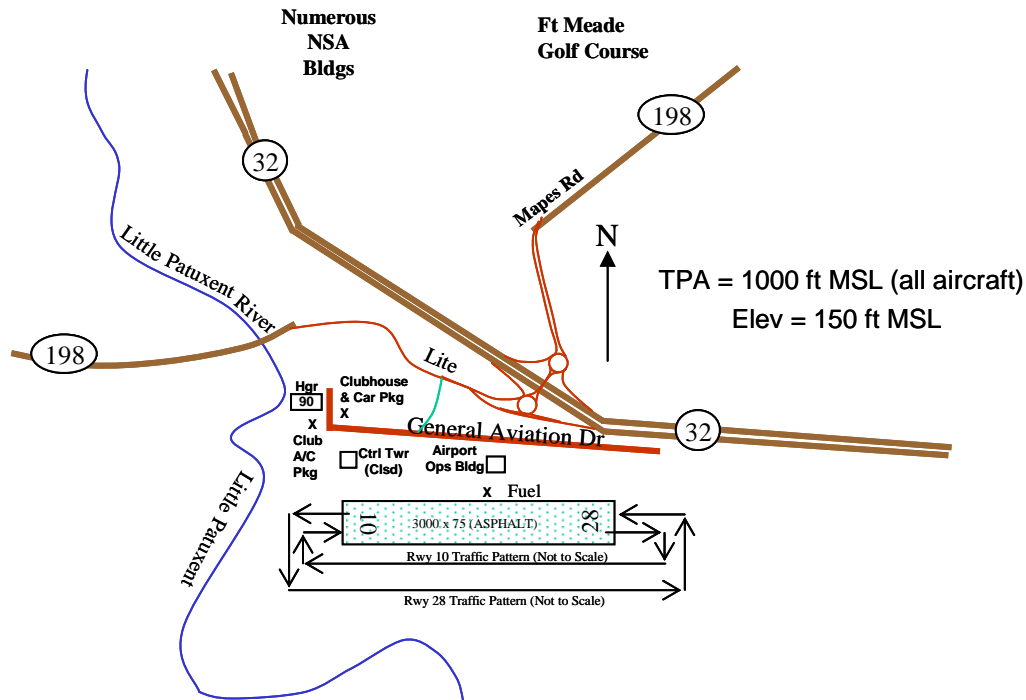


WELCOME to FMFA

Welcome to Fort Meade Flying Activity, located on Tipton Airport, Ft Meade, MD (FME). A map of the local FME area is included below. The field elevation of the 3000x100 asphalt runway is 150 feet MSL and the traffic pattern is to the south of both runways (RWY 10 and RWY 28). The traffic pattern altitude is **1000 feet MSL (850 feet AGL)**.



FME Local Area

Driving Directions to FMFA:

From Washington, DC:

From the Capital Beltway, take the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (MD Rt 295) North towards Baltimore. Exit on MD Rt 198 East towards Fort Meade. Follow Rt 198 over the Little Patuxent River to the first traffic lite and turn right onto Airport Road. Proceed 1/10th mile to the Airport Gate and a stop sign. Turn right at this stop sign onto General Aviation Dr and follow the signs to the FMFA Bldg.

From Baltimore

From the Baltimore Beltway, take the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (MD Rt 295) South towards Washington. Exit onto MD Rt 32 East towards Fort Meade. Proceed past several NSA Bldgs on your left until you reach the MD Rt 198 overpass. Bear right off of Rt 32 just prior to the overpass and continue to bear right on the subsequent traffic circle, turning left onto Airport Road at the first traffic lite. Proceed 1/10th mile to the Airport Gate and a stop sign. Turn right at this stop sign onto General Aviation Dr and follow the signs to the FMFA Bldg.

No motor vehicle access to the FMFA flightline is allowed without specific Tipton Airport Manager permission. The pedestrian access gate to the FMFA flightline through the perimeter fence across from the FMFA clubhouse is secured by a combination lock. Its combination will be given to you on orientation to FMFA operations by your instructor. Please report to FMFA club management and/or Tipton Operations anything unusual or people that do not belong. Anne Arundel County Police helicopters and cars are located on the same ramp as the FMFA aircraft (In front of Hanger 90). All members should be aware of any AA County Police activity, making sure to allow the County Officers to perform their jobs as efficiently and effectively as possible (Stay out of their way !).

Navigational facilities and communications frequencies pertinent to Tipton are given in the following two tables, respectively.

Type	ID	Frequency	Radial (deg)	To (deg)	Distance (NM)	Location
VOR	BAL	115.1 MHz	233	053	06.8	BWI Airport
VOR	ADW	113.1 MHz	028	208	17.5	Andrews AFB
VOR	DCA	111.1 MHz	054	234	18.9	Reagan National Airport
VOR	OTT	113.7 MHz	009	189	22.9	Nottingham, MD
VOR	EMI	117.9 MHz	168	348	26.6	Westminster, MD
VOR	AML	113.5 MHz	085	265	34.4	Dulles International Airport
VOR	FDK	109.0 MHz	135	315	34.7	Frederick, MD
VOR	PXT	117.6 MHz	352	172	50.8	Patuxent NAS
VOR	MRB	112.1 MHz	120	300	53.9	Martinsburg, WV
NDB	BUH	260 KHz	NA	NA	NA	Tipton Airport

Navigational Facilities Pertinent to Tipton

Type	Frequency	Comments
CTAF	123.05 MHz	Tipton Common Traffic Advisory Frequency
Pilot Controlled Lighting (PCL)	123.05 MHz	Tipton PCL (Click 5 times SR to SS)
Ground Control Outlet (GCO)	121.725 MHz	Tipton GCO (Click 4 times for Potomac Clearance)
AWOS	123.925 MHz	Aviation Wx Obs Station on Tipton Airport
BWI ATIS	127.8 & 115.1 MHz	BWI Airport Automated Terminal Info System
FSS	122.2 MHz	Leesburg Radio, Flt Svc Station
Potomac Apprch	119.7 MHz	Potomac Approach, Tel (866) 429-5882

Communications Frequencies Pertinent to Tipton

Procedures to be followed for flying FMFA Aircraft

1. Insure that you and/or your instructor are “booked” for the aircraft for the requisite hours of desired flight operation. (Check at www.AircraftClubs.com for the schedule of all aircraft. FMFA management and/or your check-out instructor will brief you on how to use this scheduling facility. Your check-out instructor will also brief you on how to use the FMFA Dispatch System to check-out (dispatch) the aircraft (And review the “squawks” section of the FMFA Dispatch System for that aircraft). [[See PIF 04-02, FMFA Dispatch System for Details](#)]. The pilot then will pick up the keys and aircraft “book”.
2. The pilot will file at least one ADIZ flight plan for operation in the DC Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ). [[See PIF 03-02, DC Area ADIZ for details](#)]. Leave the flight plan on the spindle in the clubhouse at Tipton.
3. The pilot will obtain a discrete from POTOMAC Approach, as well as a frequency to contact POTOMAC on when airborne (For aircraft remaining strictly in the Tipton traffic pattern the pilot will not need this frequency but will remain on the Tipton CTAF).
4. Preflight, Startup, and Taxi the aircraft to the active runway (10 or 28).
5. Fly the aircraft. Be sure to contact POTOMAC Approach and have the aircraft squawking the discrete code you have obtain upon leaving the ground. [Caution: Pilots of aircraft squawking 1200, even for a few seconds, while in ADIZ will be subject to FAA Enforcement Actions] Aircraft will climb to 700 ft MSL prior to turning crosswind. Both RWY 10 (RP) and RWY 28 traffic patterns are to be flown to the south of FME. Entry will be on the 45 to the downwind.
6. At the completion of the flight refuel the aircraft at the self-service fuel tank on the ramp in front of the Tipton Airport Operations Office Bldg. Use the green keycard attached to the aircraft keys. Make sure to note/record the fuel and get a receipt, if possible. Be sure to have someone show you how to ground the aircraft properly prior to fueling. Without proper grounding of the aircraft, refueling of the aircraft is not possible.
7. Taxi to the FMFA tie-downs in front of Hanger 90 and secure the aircraft at its tie-down spot (denoted with its tail number on a sign in back of each tie-down).
8. Complete a flight log for the aircraft in the FMFA Dispatch System. The Dispatch System will produce two copies of an accounting for the aircraft rental. Pay those fees due FMFA by check, credit card, or cash and place in the safe with one of the two copies of the aircraft rental accounting slip.

WELCOME TO FORT MEADE FLYING ACTIVITY!

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