

Arizona Flight Training Workgroup (AFTW)

Pilot Brief

Safety Critical Items

1. Arizona has a high concentration of many different types of aircraft (especially Prescott, Phoenix, and Tucson). ADS-B in equipment and surveillance is highly recommended.
2. Many gliders, balloons, and exempted powered aircraft operate in the area without a transponder or ADS-B out. See and avoid procedures must be continuously implemented.
3. The AFTW has defined practice areas, frequencies, and reporting points for pilots to use. A free ForeFlight (EFB) overlay is available at aftw.org (and the QR code below).
4. There are extensive day and night parachute drop operations throughout the state, with a high-concentration between Tucson and Phoenix. If you are not on a practice area frequency or CTAF, we highly recommend receiving flight following from the appropriate ATC facility to avoid interfering with these operations.
5. The AFTW has also published recommended procedures for practice instrument approaches at Casa Grande (CGZ) and Coolidge (P08) airports at aftw.org (see direct links via QR codes below).
6. The airspace, traffic, and procedural norms associated with flight operations throughout the state are unique. We highly recommend getting briefed by a local flight instructor who is familiar with the area.

**Please share this information with pilots, instructors,
and DPEs who are new to flying in Arizona.**

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