



PURDUE
AVIATION DAY 2026
GA Aircraft Briefing Packet

Purdue University
School of Aviation and Transportation Technology

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Preface

On behalf of Purdue University and the School of Aviation and Transportation Technology, welcome to Purdue! This informational packet is designed for GA Aircraft participating in the Fly-In event.

Purdue Aviation Day is a fun but busy event which requires cooperation and coordination between pilots, controllers, ground crew, volunteers, and guests. Enclosed in this briefing packet is essential information to help guide you to a safe fly-in! Compliance with this briefing is expected to maximize efficiency and safety. If you witness any hazardous or unusual activity relating to the event, please report it to a nearby volunteer or contact the Purdue Ramp on 123.30. It is recommended that you keep a copy of this document convenient for future reference. Lastly, feel free to bring any number of guests with you as you fly in!

Thank you for flying in and promoting aviation to the local community and welcome to Purdue University Airport! For any questions ahead of time, contact Chase Gamble at gamble25@purdue.edu or (425) 241-8685.

Contact Information

Service	Contact Name	Phone #
Lafayette Tower	-	(765) 743-2611 Ext. 1
Airport Manager	Adam Baxmeyer	(765) 496-6326
FBO	Purdue Aviation, LLC	(765) 743-9692
GA Ramp Director	Chase Gamble	(425) 241-8685
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For issues concerning GA aircraft parking, contact Chase Gamble gamble25@purdue.edu or (425) 241-8685

Event Schedule

April 11, 2026

7:30am	GA Ramp opens	GA Ramp
9:00am	Purdue Aviation Day Event Begins	PAD Event
4:00pm	Purdue Aviation Day Event Closes	PAD Event
5:00pm	Sponsor Aircraft Depart	PAD Event
5:30pm	GA Ramp closes	GA Ramp

General Event Information

Purdue Aviation Day 2026: Heroes in Flight

Saturday, April 11th, 2026

1501 Aviation Drive West Lafayette IN, 47907

Open to the public from 9 AM until 4 PM

Airport Information

Lafayette/Purdue University Airport (KLAF)

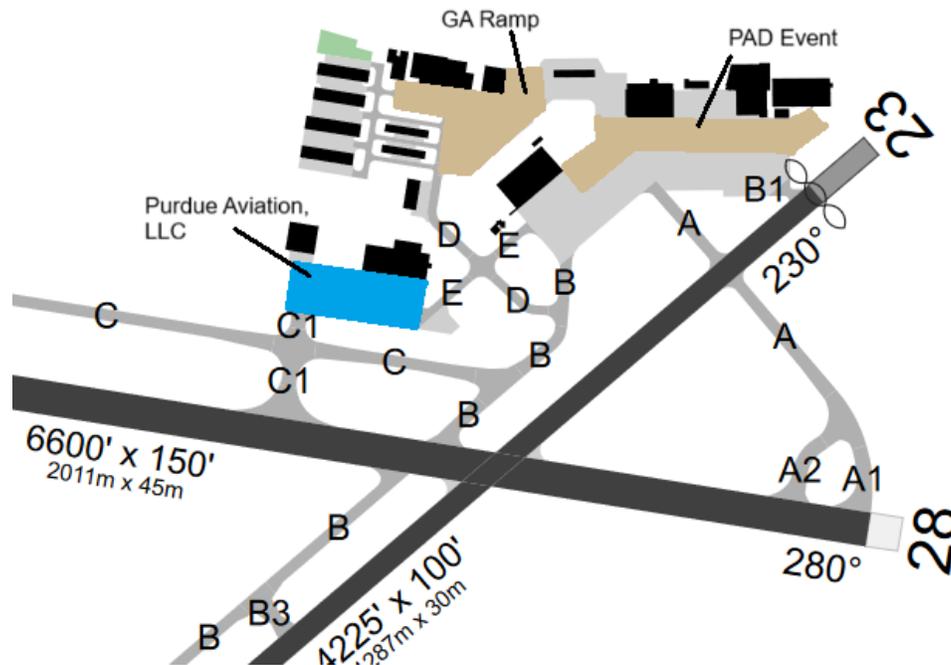
*** General Information for Reference Only***

For more information, consult the chart supplement and other official sources

- **Altitudes**
 - o Field Elevation: 606'
 - o Pattern Altitude: 1,606'
- **Frequencies**
 - o Lafayette ATIS: 127.75
 - o Lafayette Tower: 119.60
 - o Lafayette Ground: 121.90
 - o Grissom Approach: 123.85
 - o Terre Haute FSS: 122.20
 - o Purdue Ramp: 123.30
- **Runways**
 - o 10/28: 6,600' available.
 - RWY10 LAHSO: 4,600' available.
 - o 05: 4,225' available.
 - Potentially closed for the event, more information will be sent out closer to the event.
 - o 23: 4,225' available for takeoff, 3,912' available for landing.
 - Taxiway A Departure: Roughly 3400' available for takeoff
 - Potentially closed for the event, more information will be sent out closer to the event.
- **Parking**
 - o Parking is only allowed in designated areas.
 - o All aircraft must be chocked.
 - Bring your own chocks/tie downs if you have them!
 - o Follow the marshalling signals of our ground crew
 - More information is listed in the Arrival Procedures section of this document.
 - o Marshallars will be using standard signals
 - Consult the marshaling packet for more information.
- **Fueling**
 - o For fueling information, contact the FBO - Purdue Aviation, LLC.
 - Information will be provided when checking in to the event.
- **NOTAMs**
 - o Check NOTAMs for the most up-to-date information

PAD Airport Layout

During Purdue Aviation Day, the airport ramp will look like the image below:

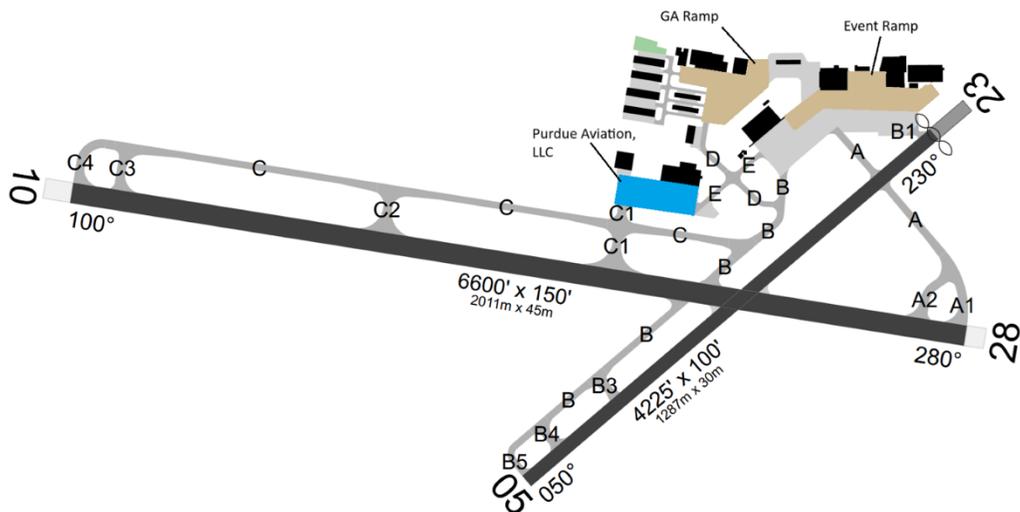


- Light GA aircraft will taxi to and park at the “GA Ramp”.
- Larger GA aircraft will taxi to and park at “Purdue Aviation”.
- Sponsor aircraft will taxi to and park at the “PAD Event”.
- Review the “Aircraft Arrival Procedures” Section of this document for more information and specifics.

GA Aircraft Arrival Procedures

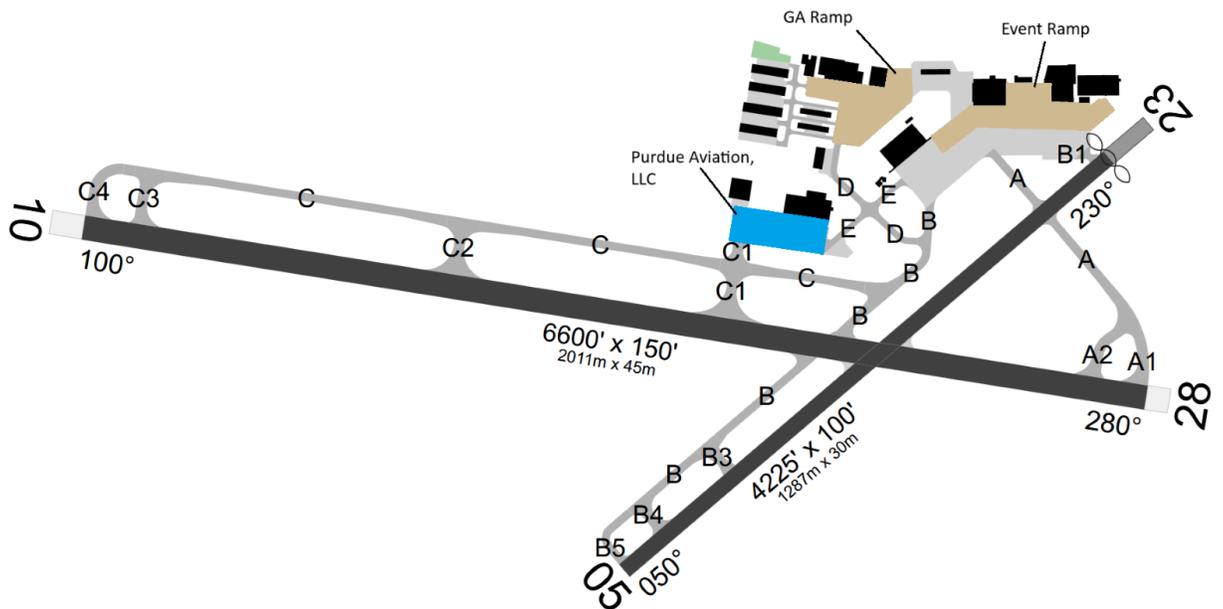
Runway 23/28 Active

- Runway 23/05 potentially closed for the event, more information will be sent out closer to the event.
- VFR Arrivals
 - o Contact Lafayette Tower (119.6) 10nm out from the airport.
 - o Expect a standard VFR downwind pattern entry to RWY 23 or 28
- IFR Arrivals
 - o Expect the RNAV 28 approach from Grissom Approach (123.85)
- After Landing
 - o Vacate the runway as directed by Tower, or onto the first safe taxiway. Contact Lafayette Ground (121.9)
 - Do not turn onto RWY 23 or 28 unless told to!!!
- Taxiing
 - o If going to the GA Ramp:
 - Expect taxi via B, and turn onto the non-movement area D.
 - Prior to the intersection of D and E, please stop on D and contact 123.30 for instructions and expect marshalling signals
 - Note: Taxiways D and E are uncontrolled
 - o If going to Purdue Aviation LLC:
 - Expect taxi instructions via taxiway C



Runway 05/10 Active

- Runway 23/05 potentially closed for the event, more information will be sent out closer to the event.
- VFR Arrivals
 - o Contact Lafayette Tower (119.6) at least 10nm out from the airport.
 - o Expect a standard VFR downwind pattern entry to RWY 05 or 10
- IFR Arrivals
 - o Expect the RNAV 10 or ILS 10 approach from Grissom Approach (123.85)
- After Landing
 - o Vacate the runway as directed by Tower, or onto the first safe taxiway. Contact Lafayette Ground (121.9)
 - Do not vacate onto RWY 5 or 10 unless told to!!!
- Taxiing
 - o If going to the GA Ramp:
 - Expect taxi via B, and turn onto the non-movement area D.
 - Prior to the intersection of D and E, please stop on D and contact 123.30 for instructions and expect marshalling signals
 - o If going to Purdue Aviation LLC:
 - Expect taxi instructions via taxiway C



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GA Parking Information

GA Ramp

- Follow ATC instructions to taxi to GA Ramp
- When instructed to by ATC, contact Purdue Ramp (123.30) for further instructions
- After initial contact with Purdue Ramp, you **must** follow ground marshalling instructions
 - o Expect to be directed initially by one marshaller and then directed to follow other marshaller's instructions
 - o You may possibly receive added instructions, if necessary, on Purdue Ramp frequency.
 - If you have any questions, ask on Purdue Ramp (123.30)
- GA Ramp will be open until 17:30
 - o After that, all aircraft will be towed to Purdue Aviation

- Fees may apply

Purdue Aviation FBO Ramp

- Purdue Aviation LLC will be the parking destination for:
 - o Aircraft expecting to stay past 5:30 PM, or those requiring hangar services
 - o Large GA aircraft (MTOW greater than 6000 lbs. or with a wingspan greater than 62')
 - o Any turboprop/turbojet aircraft not serving as static displays for the main event ramp

General Ramp and Parking Information

- Maximum taxi speed of 5 knots
- After parking, shut down the engine
 - o If your aircraft runs the magnetos with a key:
 - Remove the key and display it on the glareshield to the marshaller
 - o If your aircraft runs the magnetos with a switch
 - Ensure that they are off immediately after shutdown, and give the marshaller a signal
 - o ***** Marshallsers will not approach your aircraft until they can confirm that the magnetos are off. *****
- All aircraft will be chocked on the ramp (if you can bring your own, please do! Otherwise, we have spares)
- Once the aircraft is secured, a volunteer will escort you to Hangar 6W
 - o All guests will be escorted to/from their aircraft
 - o You will be checked into the Fly-In at Hangar 6W and receive your memorabilia item
- Transport to Purdue Aviation Day main event
 - o A golf cart will run between Hangar 6W and the PAD Event ramp

GA Aircraft Departure Procedures

GA Ramp Departure

- You will be walked to your aircraft by a volunteer from Hangar 6W.

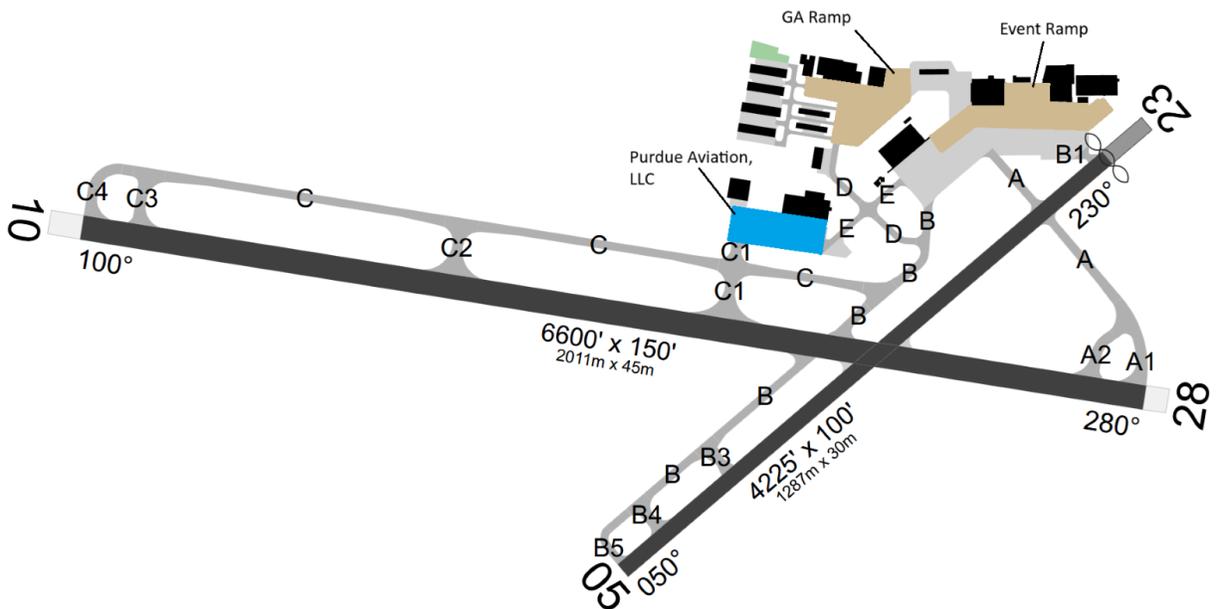
- Aircraft will be marshalled out of their parking spot and will exit the ramp on taxiway D.
 - o Do **not** start your engine until a marshaller has made visual contact with you!
- Prior to taxi, contact Purdue Ramp (123.30).
- Flash your landing light to the marshaller when ready to taxi.
 - o If your aircraft is not equipped with such a light, give a thumbs up signal to the marshaller.
- You will be directed onto Taxiway D. At the intersection, turn **left** onto Taxiway E, and once clear of the intersection contact Lafayette Ground (121.9)
 - o Expect to be directed initially by one marshaller and then directed to follow other marshaller's instructions to exit the ramp.

Purdue Aviation Ramp Departure

- Contact Lafayette Ground (121.9) for taxi instructions.
- Expect a standard departure from the FBO.

Runway 23/28 Active

- **Runway 23/05 potentially closed for the event, more information will be sent out closer to the event.**
- If going to Runway 23, expect to taxi to taxiway A and expect a Runway 23 departure at taxiway A
 - o If you cannot accept the intersection departure, let ATC know for alternate instructions!
- If going to Runway 28, expect to taxi via A and hold short of Runway 23.
- Run-Ups
 - o Please position your aircraft as necessary to limit propwash on other aircraft and people.
- Upon completion of your run-up, taxi to and hold short of the runway before making your call to tower.
 - o Hold short in sequence if there are multiple aircraft.



Runway 05/10 Active

- Runway 23/05 potentially closed for the event, more information will be sent out closer to the event.
- If going to Runway 05, expect to taxi to the end of Runway 05 on B.
 - o Expect to hold short of Runway 10.
- If going to Runway 10, expect to taxi to the end of Runway 10 via B and C.
- Run-Ups
 - o Please position your aircraft as necessary to limit propwash on other aircraft and people.
- Upon completion of your run-up, taxi to and hold short of the runway before making your call to tower.
 - o Hold short in sequence if there are multiple aircraft.

Conclusion

Thank you all for supporting our local community and aviation family! We look forward to seeing you all at Purdue Aviation Day.

If you have any questions ahead of time about GA operations, please reach out to Chase Gamble, gamble25@purdue.edu or (425) 241-8685!

