



# 2023 Ozark Backwoods Challenge Aircraft Arrival Procedures

## ***New for 2023:***

- Arrivals allowed during the 1st 15 mins of every hour Thursday and Friday.
- Clarksville (H35) dedicated Shuttles to/from Byrd's Thur, Fri, Sat, Sun. Click for [FULL SCHEDULE](#)

**\* FLYING TO BYRD'S IS A TRUE BACKWOODS EXPERIENCE!**

*Exercise Caution!*

## **FLY AT YOUR OWN RISK**

In accordance with the Arkansas Recreational Use Statute, no fees are associated with the use of this airstrip. Insurance is not provided by the landowner. The landowner is not responsible for accidents.

## **FLY SMART**

Landing to the west and departing to the east of the River Runway (main runway) is recommended (conditions permitting). Watch for other aircraft in the vicinity. Remember that mountain weather can vary greatly from one valley to the next.

A Pilot flying into Byrd's for the first time should absolutely have prior experience landing on unpaved runways, and current short/soft field proficiency.

**If you have any doubt at all then please plan to use our official paved reliever airports of Clarksville (H35) with shuttle service or Fayetteville (FYV) with car rental.**

## **Specific Aircraft Recommendations:**

Plan for an ample "horsepower reserve" for departure. Airplanes such as Stock 172s and Cherokee 140s are easily overloaded and we **HIGHLY** recommend a max load of only 2 occupants in these and similar aircraft. Stock Cessna 152s, 150s, 140s, 120s, Luscombes, and such should be considered single occupant airplanes at Byrd's.

## **FLY LIGHT**

Flying an airplane into Byrd's comes with unique challenges not found at everyday airports. The combination of density altitude, mountain downdrafts, rough fields, tall obstacles, and heavy loads for camping require careful planning.

## **BYRD'S ADVENTURE CENTER (51AR) MAIN (RIVER) RUNWAY SPECS**

- Elevation: 800 msl
- Runway orientation: 07/25 (River Runway)
- Turf surface (uneven in places)
- **1,900ft long + 600' Rough-Cut Extension on East Side (2,500' total).**
- 300' Unobstructed Width.
- 1,000' Unobstructed approach on the east side. Trees on the west side.
- **Unicom 122.9** • No tie-down fees
- **No Fuel** • Fuel available nearby at Ozark (7M5) and Clarksville (H35)
- **Shuttle** from/to Clarksville: Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun [FULL SCHEDULE](#) Call/Text: C.C. [\(559\) 303-0907](#) \$20 suggested tip

For additional information contact Zen Boulden at Byrd's: [\(479\) 667-4066](#) or [\(479\) 667-4199](#)



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## Arrival Scheduling

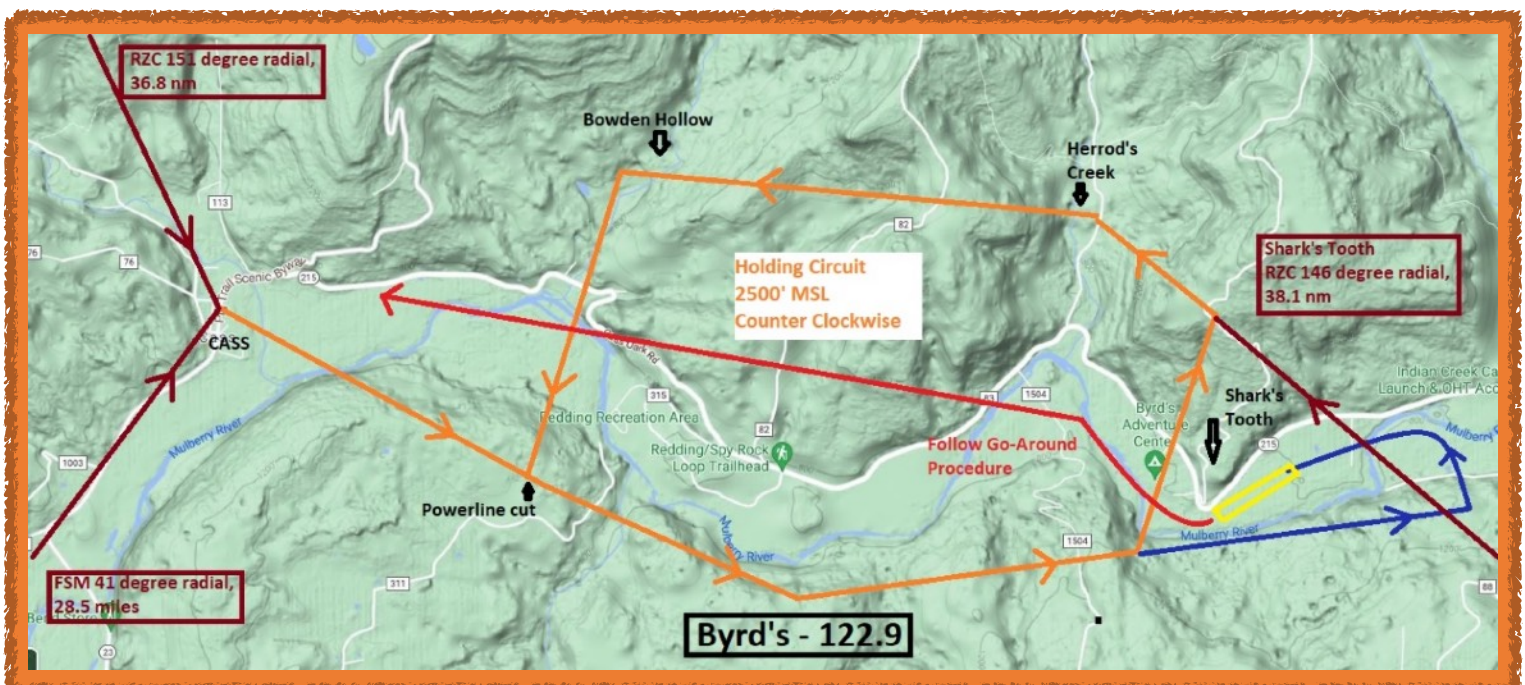
Byrd's (51AR) is a small area tucked into a river valley and arrivals must be scheduled around competitor qualifying, practice and competition flights.

- **Wednesday Sept. 27th:** Aircraft will have active advisories to assist with arrivals.
- **Thursday Sept. 28th:** Mandatory qualifying for competitors. Spectator / Vendor arrivals between qualifying rounds during first 15 minutes of every hour. (Example: plan your arrival between 10:00-10:15)
- **Friday Sept. 29th:** Competitor Course familiarization. Arrivals / Departures between practice flights during first 15 minutes of every hour. (Example: plan your arrival between 10:00-10:15)
- **Saturday Sept. 30th:**

Ozark Backwoods Challenge Commences! Saturday, all Byrds (51AR) Landing Areas will be closed by NOTAM to Arrivals and Departures until the competition has ended. If you are flying in to attend the competition on Saturday it is NECESSARY to arrive on Friday and stay overnight.

## Monitor Byrd's on 122.9.

- Arrivals from the North, Northwest, West and Southwest commence at the town of Cass, AR (36.69 N/93.82W) 4.4 NM to the West of Byrd's (Identifier: 51AR).
- Arrivals from the Northeast, East and Southeast should announce 5 nm out and enter the Holding Circuit at the Shark's Tooth.
- AVOID LOW OVERFLIGHT OF HILL TOP FESTIVAL GROUNDS NW OF BYRD'S





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- Fly the Holding Circuit at **2500' MSL**
- Advise other traffic when approaching Cass or Shark's Tooth to enter the Holding Circuit
- Traffic departing Cass will stay on SOUTH side of river
- Traffic entering Holding Circuit at Shark's Tooth will stay NORTH of the river until turning SOUTH towards the Powerline Cut. Report leaving Bowden's Hollow to Powerline Cut.
- See and avoid other converging traffic
- Transmit on **122.9** at the Powerline: "Byrd's, [color and type of aircraft], state if competitor, camper, or vendor, Powerline to land, Byrd's. Announce if a flight and number of aircraft.
- ArkanSTOL staff will transmit advisories with a "airfield is open" or "enter holding circuit" due to aircraft utilizing the course.
- Upon hearing, "<Your aircraft> airfield is open", begin your descent on the downwind leg. Once in the downwind leg you may be asked to extend downwind. If your downwind is extended, watch for other aircraft turning base.
- **Land On the line located where runway 25 widens.** This gives 1900' of landing/rollout space.
- Upon landing, non-competitors will exit the runway to the right (North) to transient parking/camping.
- Marshalers will direct you to parking.

## **GO-AROUNDS SHOULD BE MADE EARLY! If you think you are too high then you are!**

- Announce your go-around, climb to and maintain **1500' MSL**.
- Fly with the River directly below your aircraft until past Herrod's Creek then stay in the river valley West-bound to Cass.
- Pass the Powerline and then climb to **2500'**. Re-establish arrival starting at Cass, or depart from Cass to alternate airport (Clarksville H35 preferred. Shuttles Available)

## Post Arrival Check-in

After landing on the River Strip (Main Runway, 1900'), taxi to parking in the Spectator Aircraft Parking & Camping on the North Side of the River Strip. There will be wing walkers available to help guide you to your parking spot and direct you to the check-in station to pick up your registration packet.

**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER! [click here](#)** (closes 9/22/23)

Preregistration will speed up the process and get you to the action sooner!

*Can't wait to see Ya'll!*