

Left Traffic, Right Traffic, Not Following the Rules Traffic, Oh My!: How to Fly at Nontowered Fields Safely and Proficiently

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Resources:

- AC 90-66C Non-Towered Airport Operations
 - https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/advisory_circulars/index.cfm/go/document.information/documentID/1041885
- AIM 4-1-9 and 4-3-3
 - https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/atpubs/aim_html/chap_4.html
- Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge
 - https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/handbooks_manuals/aviation/phak
- Airplane Flying Handbook (Ch 8)
 - https://www.faa.gov/sites/faa.gov/files/regulations_policies/handbooks_manuals/aviation/airplane_handbook/09_afh_ch8.pdf
- FAA updates nontowered flight operations AC
 - <https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2023/june/21/faa-updates-nontowered-flight-operations-ac>
- Say It Right: Mastering Radio Communications
 - <https://www.aopa.org/training-and-safety/online-learning/online-courses/say-it-right>
- Operations at Nontowered Airports (AOPA article)
 - <https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/1998/april/flight-training-magazine/operations-at-nontowered-airports>
- AOPA Safety Advisor
 - [https://youcanfly.aopa.org/-/media/Files/AOPA/Home/News/All-News/1997/AOPA-Action-\(9\)/sa08.pdf](https://youcanfly.aopa.org/-/media/Files/AOPA/Home/News/All-News/1997/AOPA-Action-(9)/sa08.pdf)
- ASI Safety Quiz: Nontowered Operations
 - <https://elearning.aopa.org/client/app.html#/quizzes/100083?embedded>
- ASI Safety Quiz: Collision Avoidance
 - <https://elearning.aopa.org/client/app.html#/quizzes/100047?embedded>
- Pattern for success: 10 tips for flying the traffic pattern
 - <https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2018/june/flight-training-magazine/pattern-for-success>

- Technique: The traffic pattern: A back-to-basics primer
 - <https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2019/september/flight-training-magazine/technique-traffic-pattern>
- AC 90-23H - Aircraft Wake Vortex Encounter Risk Mitigation
 - https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/advisory_circulars/index.cfm/go/document.information/documentID/1044759
- AC 90-48E Pilots' Role in Collision Avoidance
 - https://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Advisory_Circular/AC_90-48E.pdf