



## Pinal Airpark Visitor FAQ's

### **Is the Airpark open to the public?**

Yes, the Airpark is open to the public. There are though 2 distinct sides to the airport just like most others. The Airside which is the side where the planes are parked, the runway, and other areas that are dangerous or off limits for security reasons, and the Landside which is generally accessible to anyone. The former guard shack has not been manned since February of 2014.

### **Are there tours offered?**

Yes, tours are offered but they need to be arranged in advance. Pinal Airpark is an operational GA (General Aviation) airport and not really a museum, although it has some characteristics of one. Please contact the **Pinal County Citizen Contact Center** at **520.866.6411** for information/tour questions.

### **Can I take Pictures?**

It depends. If you are on the public side yes. If you are on the Airside being escorted or on a tour you are asked not to, unless you are told you may. The reason is that many planes are missing engines or other recognizable parts, and some of the owners or operators of those aircraft have asked that people not take pictures because the planes are not in a good condition. We ask that people respect the wishes of those owners and operators.

### **What happens at the Airpark?**

The Airpark is home to a number of businesses who provide Storage, Maintenance, and End of Life services for aircraft. The climate of the region offers a great low-corrosive environment that is ideal for storing aircraft.

### **What is there to do at the Airpark now?**

On the public side of the Airpark, there is a restaurant- The Flightline Grill, and a bar, the Downtime Lounge. Please call 520-365-1058 for business hours and questions. There is also a picnic area with 2 gazebos.

### **Was the CIA involved at the Airpark?**

If you search on the internet, you will undoubtedly find stories and myths associated with the CIA and Pinal Airpark. As with most mysteries and legends, they are based on at least partial truth. The CIA probably did some things at the Airpark, but nothing besides secondhand stories exist today.

### **Is the military on the Airpark?**

As at many airports across the USA, the military uses them once in a while. We have no stationed military personnel at the Airpark. The Silverbell Army Heliport though is a neighbor to the West of the Airpark property. The helicopters regularly use the facilities at the Airpark, and to enter the heliport, you must drive through the Airpark.