

Airfreddy's **Guide on Learning To Fly**

**Step-by-Step Guide On the Private
Pilot License From Start To Finish**



Finding Airports

FINDING AIRPORTS: One problem most students have is finding an airport from the air. In some cases the pretty easy to spot and other cases it is not that easy. Depending on the area you are flying into, there can be many factors to help you.

MAPS: the first thing is the fact that your maps are extremely accurate. They will tell you everything. In many cases there will be a noticeable road leading you to the airport. In other cases the road may be small. The other thing on the map associated with an airport is usually some type of city or town. In many cases they will be small but they will be set just outside the town. So look for the town first and then look where the airport should be.

TIP: Many people will look at their maps with north pointing up. This will usually get people confused. Turn your map around in the direction you are flying. If you are headed east, put the east side of your map at the top of your kneeboard or clipboard. This way you can see what should be off your left, right or in front of you.

(You are flying east) If you are flying to an airport and it is on the west side of the town, you should know that if you get to the town, you have gone too far. If the airport is on the east side of the town, you will want to cross the town first.

HANGERS: Almost every airport will have hangers on it. They will usually be built along the runway but not in all cases. Hangers are usually pretty easy to spot since they are larger than most normal buildings.

CONTROL TOWERS: At controlled airports you want to look for the tower. In most cases it will be in the center of the airport, but may be at one end or another. Some towers are easy to spot and others are not. Many are painted white. These are the easiest to spot. Now some of the new towers are built with brown bricks, this makes them much more difficult to spot especially in the desert.

RUNWAYS: Once you know the direction of the runway, you will want to look for a clearing in that direction. Even if the runway is shorter than a mile, the clearing for the airport should be about a mile or so. Look for a clearing with hangers and chances are that is the airport.



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