



I N F L I G H T

PILOT TRAINING

Places To Fly & Eat MN

Arrowwood (KAXN)

Rest. Phone #: (320) 762-1124

Location: Call for pickup 4 miles away

Open: Daily: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Website: <http://arrowwoodresort.com/dining>

ALEXANDRIA, MN (CHANDLER FIELD - AXN)

Airport Manager: TODD ROTH Phone Number: 320-762-2111

Field Elevation: 1425 CTAF: 123.000 FUEL: 100LLA

Runway: 04/22 Length: 4099 Width: 75 Surface:ASPH-G

Runway: 13/31 Length: 5100 Width: 100 Surface:ASPH-G

PIREP

Alexandria, MN (AXN) is located in the far west central part of Minnesota. It is the "jumping off" spot for much of the Minnesota Lake country.

Named one of America's top family resorts, Arrowwood, a Radisson Resort, has 450 acres on Lake Darling with: horseback riding, indoor and outdoor tennis, golf, marina, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, sauna, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, skating, and over 15,000 square feet of meeting space.

Just 4 miles from the Airport, they have a beautiful dining room and deck which looks out over the lake. They will pick you up and drop you off at the airport. Arrangements can be made by calling (320) 762-1124.

Shooters Bar & Grill (KAQP)

Rest. Phone #: (320) 289-1100

Location: 1 mile walk or crew car

Open: Daily: Lunch & Dinner

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/Shooters-Bar-and-Grill-254518022534/>

APPLETON, MN (APPLETON MUNI - AQP)

Airport Manager: GREG RUETHER Phone Number: 320-289-2193

Field Elevation: 1020 CTAF: 122.900 FUEL:

Runway: 13/31 Length: 3500 Width: 75 Surface:ASPH-F

Runway: 04/22 Length: 2725 Width: 157 Surface:TURF-G

PIREP

Appleton is home to Shooters Bar & Grill. It is a reasonable distance from the tie downs, only 1 mile west of airport. They serve a good Burger Basket & more. Call ahead to verify availability of transportation (320) 289-1100 if you're not up for the hike!

The Corner Store (7Y3)

Rest. Phone #: (218) 947-4115

Location: Across the street

Open: Daily

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Corner-Store-Restaurant-Gun-Shop/115998365088825>

BACKUS, MN (BACKUS MUNI - 7Y3)

Airport Manager: DENNY WILLIAMS Phone Number: 218-947-3100

Field Elevation: 1355 CTAF: 122.900 FUEL: 100LLMOGAS

Runway: 15/33 Length: 3588 Width: 145 Surface:TURF-F

PIREP

The Corner Store has good food and is right across the highway from the airport.

Gangelhoff's Restaurant & Lounge (KBJI)

Rest. Phone #: (218) 444-9500

Location: Short walk

Open: Daily: Dinner

BEMIDJI, MN (BEMIDJI RGNL - BJI)

Airport Manager: HAROLD VAN LEEUWEN Phone Number: 218-444-2438

Field Elevation: 1391 CTAF: 122.800 FUEL: 100LLA

Runway: 07/25 Length: 5700 Width: 150 Surface:ASPH-E

Runway: 13/31 Length: 7004 Width: 150 Surface:ASPH-E

PIREP

On the way up to Canada from the Twin Cities this last summer my friend, and I both pilots stopped for fuel....for both ourselves and the plane in Bemidji, MN..It is a quite large airport with both a GPS/NDB, and an ILS approach. There is one large FBO on the field. To our delight there The Northern Inn Hotel is only about 1-2 Blocks away from the airport. The Gangelhoff Restaurant & Lounge is in the hotel. Their food is terrific. They have a full menue, ranging from Shrimp Cocktail for starters to NY strip steak for your main course. You can also get a array of different burgers. You can expect to pay between \$10-20 per person, but it's good food and its only a short walk from the airport.

Wings Café (KBRD)

Rest. Phone #: (218) 828-0206

Location: On the field

Open: Mon thru Fri 5:30 am to 2:30 pm Sat 7:00 am to 2:00 pm Sun: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Restaurant Website: www.wingsairportcafe.com

BRAINERD, MN (BRAINERD LAKES RGNL - BRD)

Airport Manager: RICK ADAIR Phone Number: 218-825-2166

Field Elevation: 1232 CTAF: 122.700 FUEL: 100LLA

Runway: 12/30 Length: 4080 Width: 75 Surface:CLOSED

Runway: 16/34 Length: 7100 Width: 150 Surface:CONC-E

Runway: 05/23 Length: 6514 Width: 150 Surface:CONC-G

PIREP

New owners now "Wings Cafe". Better food, better service definitely a great place to stop. FBO, restaurant and terminal in the same building.

PIREP

I flew into this very well outfitted regional airport on a Sunday morning. Multiple long runways and plentiful ramp space. The restaurant and FBO are in the same building. The FBO staff were immediately present and helpful but not pushy considering we came for the food, not fuel. There were plenty of locals dining at the cafe. The Sunday french toast special was definitely worth the trip. As far as the rest of the menu was concerned, it seemed fine. My passenger was content but it was diner food - perfectly fine. The service was not the fastest ever but friendly enough since we were complete strangers in an environment where people clearly knew each other. We had time to chat and no one was rushing us along. This is an easy option for a nice Sunday morning flight.

The Afterburner (KDLH)

Rest. Phone #: (218) 727-1152

Location: On the field

Open: Daily: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Restaurant Website: www.duluthairport.com/airport-food.php

DULUTH, MN (DULUTH INTL - DLH)

Airport Manager: BRIAN D RYKS Phone Number: 218-727-2968

Field Elevation: 1428 CTAF: 0.000 FUEL: 100LLA

Runway: 03/21 Length: 5718 Width: 150 Surface:ASPH-G

Runway: 09/27 Length: 10162 Width: 150 Surface:CONC-F

PIREP

At Duluth International there is The Afterburner...it's in the main terminal. I've heard that the food is excellent and at a reasonable price, but it doesn't open until noon. For the Dawn Patrol, the Coffee Shop is right next door, and despite it's name is really a complete cafe. I had breakfast there and the food and service were both good. You can get a ride to the terminal from Monaco.

New Scenic Café (KDLH)

Rest. Phone #: (218) 525-6274

Location: 5461 North Shore Drive Duluth, MN 55804-2918

Open: Mon-Thu,Sun 11am-9pm; Fri-Sat 11am-10pm

Restaurant Website: www.sceniccafe.com

Airport Website: www.monacoairduluth.com

DULUTH, MN (DULUTH INTL - DLH)

Airport Manager: BRIAN D RYKS Phone Number: 218-727-2968

Field Elevation: 1428 CTAF: 0.000 FUEL: 100LLA

Runway: 03/21 Length: 5718 Width: 150 Surface:ASPH-G

Runway: 09/27 Length: 10162 Width: 150 Surface:CONC-F

PIREP

Outstanding, small restaurant directly between Two Harbors (TWM) and Duluth (DLH). Clearly a regional favorite, reservations were required even for one. The service was prompt and friendly and the food was truly excellent and diverse. It is about a 25 minute drive from either airport. I had sashimi Tuna tacos as a main and the butternut squash as a starter. I drank a nice Blackberry lemonade since I was flying home that night. Desserts were plentiful. Three berry pie did it for me. The filling was fresh and the crust was excellent. This is a relaxed establishment with food suited to a high-end, big city restaurant. It was enthusiastically recommended and I can say that I second that notion.

Madden's on Gull Lake (9Y2)

Rest. Phone #: (218) 829-2811

Location: On the airport

Open: Daily: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Restaurant Website: <http://www.maddens.com/>

EAST GULL LAKE, MN (EAST GULL LAKE - 9Y2)

Airport Manager: BRENDA THOMES Phone Number: 218-828-9279

Field Elevation: 1236 CTAF: 122.900 FUEL:

Runway: 13/31 Length: 2618 Width: 160 Surface:TURF-G

PIREP

FBO Comments: Fuel is available at Brainerd airport, a 10 minute flight away.

PIREP: A great place to fly into for the weekend or for lunch is Maddens on Gull Lake. There is plenty of dock space for floats as well. There are 63 holes of golf. The Classic is rated the 33rd best public golf course in the U.S. by golf digest. East Gull Lake Airport is an excellent grass strip and is a blast.

K+B Drive In (KEVM)

Rest. Phone #: (218) 744-2772

Location : Crew car

Open: Daily: Lunch & Dinner

Restaurant Website: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/K-B-Drive-Inn/153296948015505>

EVELETH, MN (EVELETH-VIRGINIA MUNI - EVM)

Airport Manager: GARY ULMAN Phone Number: 218-744-6175

Field Elevation: 1379 CTAF: 122.700 FUEL: 100LLA

Runway: 14/32 Length: 2505 Width: 100 Surface:ASPH-G

Runway: 09/27 Length: 4215 Width: 100 Surface:ASPH-G

PIREP

FBO Comments: Very friendly FBO, they have a courtesy car available. They can also give you a nice little map of the town including how to get to K+B drive in. (aprox. 2.5 miles away)

PIREP: Heard about K+B Drive in from another pilot and decided to go check it out. Wow, great service, good food and a relaxing atmosphere. You can either sit outside or you can sit in your car and order the food to take back to the very 'comfy' couches at the FBO. Certainly worth the visit if you're up in that neck of the woods.

Channel Inn (KFRM)

Rest. Phone #: (507) 238-9700

FAIRMONT, MN (FAIRMONT MUNI - FRM)

Restaurant Website: <https://www.facebook.com/Channel-Inn-113749105311911/>

Airport Manager: ALAN PELZER Phone Number: 507-235-2537

Field Elevation: 1162 CTAF: 122.800 FUEL: 100LLA

Runway: 02/20 Length: 3300 Width: 75 Surface:ASPH-G

Runway: 13/31 Length: 5505 Width: 100 Surface:ASPH-G

PIREP

We found this place by accident after weather caused us to divert from our intended course. The airport has a courtesy car and a friendly airport employee gave us directions & a local map. This restaurant is located between two lakes. We sat outside, overlooking one of the lakes and enjoyed our burger and fried fish. It is a nice stop for a casual lunch or dinner. Inside is a sport's bar.

The Depot Bar and Grill (KFBL)

Rest. Phone #: (507) 332-2825

Location : Crew car

Open: Daily: Lunch & Dinner

Restaurant Website: <http://www.depotbarandgrillfaribault.com/>

FARIBAULT, MN (FARIBAULT MUNI - FBL)

Airport Manager: GERALD SERRES Phone Number: 507-332-0140

Field Elevation: 1060 CTAF: 122.800 FUEL: 100LLA

Runway: 12/30 Length: 4257 Width: 75 Surface:ASPH-G

Grand Casino, Hinckley (04W)

Rest. Phone #: (320) 384-7777

Location: Hinckley, MN, 1 mile N of airfield

Open: 24 hours

Restaurant Website: <http://grandcasinomn.com/dining/grand-buffet-hinckley/>

HINCKLEY, MN (FIELD OF DREAMS - 04W)

Airport Manager: MATT JOHNSON Phone Number: 320-384-6667

Field Elevation: 1021 CTAF: 122.900 FUEL: 100LL

Runway: 06/24 Length: 2751 Width: 75 Surface:ASPH-G

PIREP

The Casino will provide shuttle service to and from the airport. Contact them by phone from the phone box located just outside the door of the FBO. The numbers for the Casino, a limo service and several other contact numbers are on the inside cover of the phone box. There's an FBO on the field.

The airport is privately owned but open to the public. It's on both the Green Bay and the Minneapolis sectionals. Airport ID 04W. Approx 2700 x 75 ft asphalt runway.

Grand Casino is a 24 hour operation with several places to eat and a 300 plus room hotel. They have regularly scheduled big name entertainment. Numerous other businesses and attractions in the area as well.

Chocolate Moose (KINL)

Rest. Phone #: (218) 283-8888

Location: 1/2 mile walk or use crewcar

Open: Daily: Lunch & Dinner

Restaurant Website: <http://www.chocolatemooseresaurant.com/>

INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MN (FALLS INTL - INL)

Airport Manager: THOR EINARSON Phone Number: 218-283-4461

Field Elevation: 1185 CTAF: 122.800 FUEL: 100LLA

Runway: 04/22 Length: 2999 Width: 75 Surface:ASPH-F

Runway: 13/31 Length: 7400 Width: 150 Surface:ASPH-G

PIREP

I took a student there on a long cross country. We took the courtesy car and ate at the Chocolate Moose. I had a Walleye and Steak dinner. It was very good. The people at the FBO were very helpful, and you get a free jar of jam if you buy fuel.

Peter's On Lake Ripley (KLJF)

Rest. Phone #: (320) 693-6425

Location : Short walk – Crew Car – Will Pick Up

Open: Daily: Lunch & Dinner

Restaurant Website: <http://www.petersribs.com/>

LITCHFIELD, MN (LITCHFIELD MUNI - LJF)

Airport Manager: GLENN E. YOUNG Phone Number: 320-693-8571

Field Elevation: 1140 CTAF: 122.900 FUEL: 100LLA

Runway: 13/31 Length: 4002 Width: 100 Surface:ASPH-G

PIREP

We flew out there this past Friday and tried the ribs. The flavor was outstanding and even more impressive was the quality of the rib meat. Better than any I have ever eaten! If you go and leave room for dessert try the rhubarb pie. Not too sweet, lightly seasoned and fresh cream on top. I can't wait to go back and take some guests.

Patrick's Fine Dining & Lounge (KXVG)

Rest. Phone #: (218) 363-2995

Location: A short walk

Open: Daily: Lunch & Dinner

Restaurant Website: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Patricks-Fine-dining/185893711437413>

LONGVILLE, MN (LONGVILLE MUNI - XVG)

Airport Manager: DAYNA MERTEN Phone Number: 218-363-2022

Field Elevation: 1337 CTAF: 122.900 FUEL: 100LL

Runway: 13/31 Length: 3549 Width: 75 Surface:ASPH-G

PIREP

A short walk in from the Longville, MN airport. A resort/dinner club kind of place - high ceilings - very nice.

Maple Lake Café (KMGG)

Rest. Phone #: (320) 963-3907

Location : 3/4 mile Walk

Open: Daily: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Restaurant Website: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Maple-Lake-Cafe/142754775770618>

MAPLE LAKE, MN (MAPLE LAKE MUNI - MGG)

Airport Manager: GERALD SAWATZKE Phone Number: 320-963-3738

Field Elevation: 1028 CTAF: 122.800 FUEL: 100LL

Runway: 10/28 Length: 2796 Width: 60 Surface:ASPH-F

PIREP

We stopped in for breakfast and were surprised by the great food. Give it a try!

The Countryside Café (22Y)

Rest. Phone #: (218) 352-6777

Location: Very short walk

Open: Weekdays: Dinner Weekends: Lunch & Dinner

MOTLEY, MN (MOREY'S - 22Y)

Airport Manager: LOREN A. MOREY Phone Number: 218-352-6467

Field Elevation: 1225 CTAF: 122.900 FUEL:

Runway: 09/27 Length: 2720 Width: 150 Surface:TURF-G

PIREP

There is an excellent restaurant, The Countryside Cafe, just up the road towards town about 3 blocks walking distance. It is open evenings and weekends. On the way back to your plane, you can stop and pick up some delicious smoked salmon, etc. at the famous Morey's Fish, right on the runway's edge.

Max's Grill (KOVL)

Rest. Phone #: (320) 523-2833

Location : 2 blocks

Open: Daily: Lunch & Dinner Sunday: Brunch

Restaurant Website: www.maxsgrillonline.com

OLIVIA, MN (OLIVIA RGNL - OVL)

Airport Manager: RICHARD SIGURDSON Phone Number: 320-979-8326

Field Elevation: 1076 CTAF: 122.800 FUEL: 100LL

Runway: 11/29 Length: 3498 Width: 75 Surface:ASPH-G

PIREP

The restaurant is 2 short blocks from the ramp at the Olivia, MN Regional Airport (OVL) and well worth the walk. They have a very nice, varied menu to select from and modest pricing. Their ribs are particularly good.

The Chatterbox Café (KOVL)

Rest. Phone #: (320) 523-5384

Location : 1 block

Open: Daily: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Restaurant Website: <https://www.facebook.com/Chatterbox-Cafe-418888784959107/?rf=111546002216803>

OLIVIA, MN (OLIVIA RGNL - OVL)

Airport Manager: RICHARD SIGURDSON Phone Number: 320-979-8326

Field Elevation: 1076 CTAF: 122.800 FUEL: 100LL

Runway: 11/29 Length: 3498 Width: 75 Surface:ASPH-G

PIREP

The Chatterbox Cafe, located between the airport and the Sheep Shedde is a better value with more local flavor. Good food, friendly staff, and a partial view of the runway. Its hidden in the Ashland gas station building.

Cabela's - Northwood's Cache (KOWA)

Rest. Phone #: (507) 451-4545

Location : Call for FREE pickup

Open: Daily: Lunch

OWATONNA, MN (OWATONNA DEGNER RGNL - OWA)

Airport Manager: DAVE BEAVER Phone Number: 507-444-2448

Field Elevation: 1145 CTAF: 122.700 FUEL: 100LLA

Runway: 05/23 Length: 3000 Width: 75 Surface:ASPH

Runway: 12/30 Length: 5500 Width: 100 Surface:CONC-G

PIREP

The restaurant, Northwood's Cache, is located on the premises of Cabela's giant sporting goods store.

Visit their website

<http://www.cabelas-retailstores.com/HomeOwatonna.html>

If you are an outdoorsman, expect your lunch to include some equipment purchases.

The airport provides a shuttle to and from Cabela's and the Northwood Cache. Call Dave Beaver the airport manager in advance of your arrival to make arrangements.

Merlin's Family Restaurant (KPNM)

Rest. Phone #: (763) 389-5170

Location: Short walk

Open: Daily: Lunch & Dinner

Restaurant Website: <http://www.merlinsfamilyrestaurant.com/>

PRINCETON, MN (PRINCETON MUNI - PNM)

Airport Manager: MARK KARNOWSKI Phone Number: 763-389-2040

Field Elevation: 980 CTAF: 123.000 FUEL: 100LL

Runway: 15/33 Length: 3900 Width: 75 Surface:ASPH-G

PIREP

Merlin's Family Restaurant is about two blocks further north and east of the Pine Loft. Merlin's is open for breakfast and has great pancakes.

Taxi to the northeast corner of the airport. There are several hangers east of the taxiway. I usually park my plane in the grass just west of the taxiway near the white wooden fence. You can walk north through the fence to the Pine Loft and Merlin's on the gravel road that runs north.

Liberty's Restaurant and Lounge (KRGK)

Rest. Phone #: 651-388-8877

Location: 5 Miles

Restaurant Website: www.libertysonline.com/

RED WING, MN (RED WING RGNL - RGK)

Airport Manager: TAMMIE DOUGHERTY Phone Number: 651-385-3653

Field Elevation: 778 CTAF: 123.050 FUEL: 100LLA

Runway: 09/27 Length: 5010 Width: 100 Surface:ASPH-G

PIREP

It's nothing fancy, but Liberty's has a broad selection including Americana, Italian, and Mexican cuisine. The lounge area is a pleasant sports-bar like atmosphere without the loud music. They have a pool table and a few large TVs. The restaurant area is casual but comfortable. It's reasonably priced (\$10-\$20 range per person). While the food isn't particular exceptional, it isn't bad, and the servers are friendly.

Be sure to check out the world's largest shoe across the street at the Red Wing Shoe store.

Liberty says on their website that they have a free shuttle that will pick you up, but the airport has a couple of courtesy vehicles (which is what we used).

St. James Hotel (KRGK)

Rest. Phone #: (651) 227-1800

Location : Crew car or call for pickup

Open: Daily: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Sunday: Brunch

Restaurant Website: <http://www.st-james-hotel.com/dining/>

RED WING, MN (RED WING RGNL - RGK)

Airport Manager: TAMMIE DOUGHERTY Phone Number: 651-385-3653

Field Elevation: 778 CTAF: 123.050 FUEL: 100LLA

Runway: 09/27 Length: 5010 Width: 100 Surface:ASPH-G

PIREP

One we found is to fly into Redwing, MN (actually in WI) airport designation (RGK). Sunday brunch at the historic St. James Hotel is a treat. Overlooks the Mississippi river and an old 1880's hotel. Prices are reasonable. Redwing provides a courtesy car or St. James will pick you up. Its 4-5 miles to town.

Jackpot Junction Casino (KRWF)

Rest. Phone #: (507) 644-3000

Location : Call for pickup

Open: Daily: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Restaurant Website: <http://jackpotjunction.com/>

REDWOOD FALLS, MN (REDWOOD FALLS MUNI - RWF)

Airport Manager: DAVID FUHR Phone Number: 507-644-3590

Field Elevation: 1024 CTAF: 123.000 FUEL: 100LLA

Runway: 12/30 Length: 4001 Width: 100 Surface:ASPH-G

Runway: 05/23 Length: 2081 Width: 200 Surface:TURF-G

PIREP

Redwood Falls has an excellent fly-in place to eat. And...you can have a little fun, too! Jackpot Junction Casino will zip right over to the airport and pick you up in their courtesy van. It's only a four minute ride to the Casino. They have an excellent Sunday Brunch, daily buffets for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. They also have the Dakota restaurant. When you get there, the hospitality desk will give you \$5 in free silver. The food is excellent, and it's an enjoyable flight to the Minnesota prairie country.

Water's Edge (D32)

Rest. Phone #: (320) 239-9117

Location : very short walk

Open: Daily: Lunch & Dinner

Restaurant Website: <http://watersedgestarbucks.com/>

STARBUCK, MN (STARBUCK MUNI - D32)

Airport Manager: GARY KOOS Phone Number: 500-730-6934

Field Elevation: 1141 CTAF: 122.900 FUEL:

Runway: 15/33 Length: 2512 Width: 198 Surface:TURF-F

PIREP

It's grass and at 2,512' in length not the longest strip in the state, but Starbuck airport (D32), hard on the shore of Lake Minnewaska, is a very short stroll to a lakeside eatery called appropriately the Water's Edge.

Family type of a restaurant, but with a full bar, the place serves good food at reasonable prices. Make sure to practice your short field, crosswind landings and takeoffs before venturing there.

Penguin Zesto West (KONA)

Rest. Phone #: (507) 453-7961

Location: Short Walk

Open: 10:30 am - 9:00 pm

Restaurant Website: <https://www.facebook.com/Penguin-Zesto-East-and-West-141272322607195/>

WINONA, MN (WINONA MUNI-MAX CONRAD FLD - ONA)

Airport Manager: KEITH NELSON Phone Number: 507-457-8274

Field Elevation: 656 CTAF: 122.800 FUEL: 100LLA

Runway: 17/35 Length: 2553 Width: 75 Surface:ASPH-G

Runway: 12/30 Length: 5199 Width: 100 Surface:ASPH-P

PIREP

Great little ice cream stop for summer flights.

Ruffs Wings (KBDH)

Rest. Phone #: (320) 214-7833

Location: Crew Car - 4 Miles From Airport

Open: Daily: Lunch & Dinner (11AM Saturday-Sunday) 4PM Weekdays

Restaurant Website: <http://ruffswings.com/>

Willmar, MN KBDH

Airport Manager: MEGAN DESCHEPPER Phone Number: 320-235-8311

Field Elevation: 1125 CTAF: 122.800 FUEL: SS 100LL

Runway: 13/31 Length: 5500 Width: 100

PIREP

Phenomenal chicken wings. Tons of flavors and a great atmosphere. If you're looking for a short hop from the Cities for a great lunch this is a great place to have it. Willmar is also a nice airport with great facilities.

Tav On The Ave (KMKT)

Rest. Phone #: (507) 345-3308

Location: Crew Car - 5 Miles From Airport

Open: Daily: Lunch & Dinner

Restaurant Website: www.thetavontheave.com

Mankato, MN KMKT

Airport Manager: KEVIN BAKER Phone 507-381-4174

Field Elevation: 1020 CTAF: 122.725 FUEL: SS 100LL

Runway: 15/33 Length: 6600 Width: 100

Runway: 4/22 Length: 4000 Width 75FT

PIREP

Great Menu and a short flight from the Cities. Hidden gem for transients but well known by the locals. Grab the Crown Vic courtesy car and head into town for some great food.