

TAVARES SEAPLANE BASE

FA1



Airport: Tavares Seaplane Base (FA1)

City: Tavares, Florida

County: Lake

Sponsor: City of Tavares

Role: General Aviation (Non-NPIAS)

CFASPP Region: East Central (cfaspp.com)

FDOT District: 5

Website: Tavares Seaplane

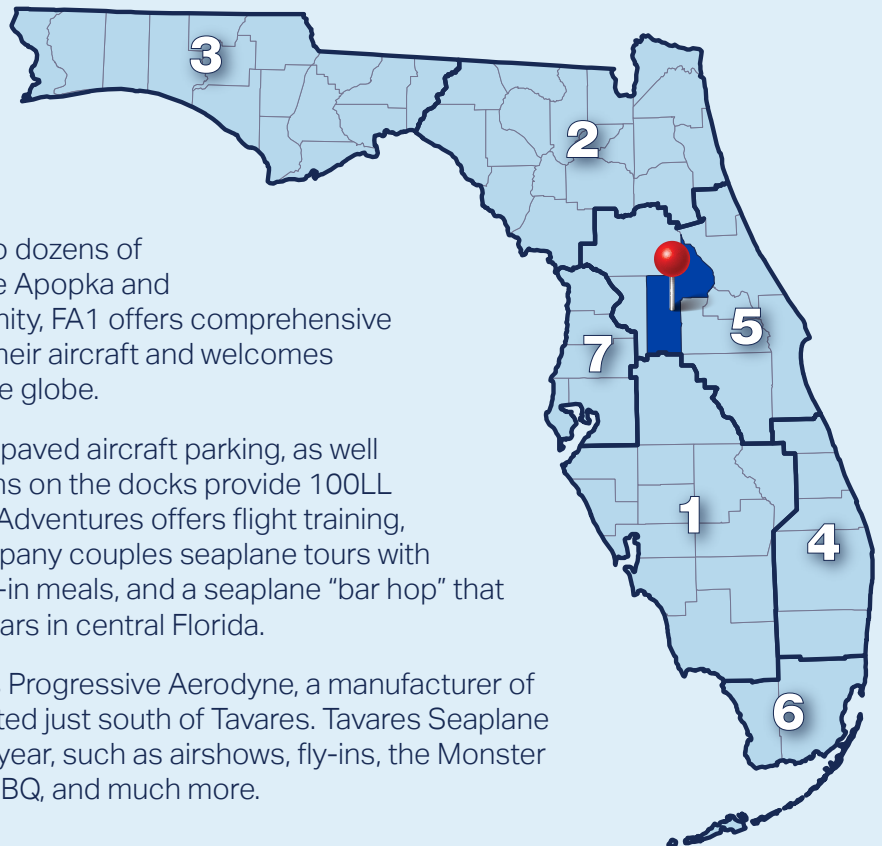


PHOTO SOURCE: GOOGLE - 2023.

Tavares Seaplane Base (FA1) is a general aviation (GA) seaplane facility located within the City of Tavares on Lake Dora and is within walking distance of numerous hotels and restaurants. The base is the cornerstone of Tavares' brand as "America's Seaplane City," offering access to dozens of the largest lakes in central Florida, such as Lake Apopka and Lake Harris. Serving as the pillar of the community, FA1 offers comprehensive services for seaplane pilots, passengers, and their aircraft and welcomes thousands of visitors each year from around the globe.

The Tavares Seaplane Base Marina offers both paved aircraft parking, as well as docks for tying up seaplanes. Fueling stations on the docks provide 100LL aviation fuel. Jones Brothers Air and Seaplane Adventures offers flight training, aerial tours, and seaplane excursions. The company couples seaplane tours with unique experiences, such as kayak paddles, fly-in meals, and a seaplane "bar hop" that flies fun-loving travelers to several waterfront bars in central Florida.

The base and the City of Tavares also supports Progressive Aerodyne, a manufacturer of the light sport Searay amphibious aircraft, located just south of Tavares. Tavares Seaplane Base hosts community events throughout the year, such as airshows, fly-ins, the Monster Splash, Seaplane-A-Palooza, Planes, Tunes & BBQ, and much more.



ECONOMIC IMPACT



\$5.3M
ECONOMIC IMPACT (OUTPUT)



\$2.7M
VALUE ADDED



\$1.9M
PAYROLL



37
JOBS



Source: Florida Aviation Economic Impact Study.

GENERAL AVIATION ROLES



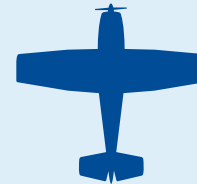
FLIGHT
TRAINING



CORPORATE



TOURISM



RECREATIONAL /
SPORT



BUSINESS /
RECREATIONAL

Source: FASP 2043 Update.

For more information on airport roles, please refer to the FAA's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).



ACTIVITY FORECASTS

OPERATIONS

7,473

2043

7,399

2023

BASED AIRCRAFT

6

2043

5

2023



Source: FASP 2043 Update.

AIRPORT CHARACTERISTICS

1 **Busiest Seaplane Base in the State of Florida**

2 **Serves as the Pillar of the Tavares Community**

3 **Hosts Multiple Annual Fly-in Events**

WATER RUNWAY INFORMATION (1)

Water Runway 9W-27W: 3,000' x 200'

LONGEST WATER RUNWAY: 3,000 ft

Overview of the FASP 2043 Update:

Per Florida statute, the Florida Aviation System Plan (FASP) is periodically updated to summarize the airport and aviation needs in Florida while remaining consistent with the goals of the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP). The FASP 2043 Update focuses on reviewing the applicability of the various goals, objectives, and performance measures to support two primary goals: 1) provide for more efficiency in decision making within FDOT to support funding and development decisions, and 2) provide airports within the system with recommendations for development that support their individual missions while contributing to the overall strength and health of the Florida airport system.

