

7th Annual Lone Pine Backcountry Fly-in 2026

Hello and welcome to Lone Pine! To ensure we all have the best experience possible, **please take time to read, absorb, and understand the event rules, guidelines, and suggestions below.**

Registration for the fly-in is mandatory. Upon arrival all aircraft shall taxi into the main ramp to complete in-person registration, sign the liability release form, and fuel up to full. **Our NLT arrival time is on deck by 1200! Friday.**

Required tie-down fee is \$15/night, payable to Inyo County (cash or check only). This money will be collected during your in-person registration. Any additional donations made will go towards event costs and the *Friends of Lone Pine Airport 501(c)3* non-profit. All on field support will be provided out of the volunteer's pocket books and participant donations.

Friends of Lone Pine Airport is a 501(c)3 non-profit supporting this fly-in. This growing group of supporters is focused on the local community airport (O26) and improving its condition in order to better serve both locals and visitors. [Learn more about our organization at https://friendsoflonepineairport.org](https://friendsoflonepineairport.org)

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Join for event updates, real time notifications, and photo sharing capability. Highly recommended: this will be our primary means to disseminate schedule changes, info, PIREPS, etc.



Packing List:

1. Cash
2. Tie Downs
3. Water
4. Heavy duty tarp for camp setup (prickly brush present on airfield)

AIRPORT INFORMATION:

The Lone Pine Airport is an American gem in the rough. We (aviation supporters, locals, and the county) are working on an improvement plan to make this airport a more enjoyable stop-over point in the future. The following are a few suggestions for participants during your time here. **These are not Official County or FAA rules and your safety and awareness while operating at the airfield are your responsibility.**

- O26 website is <https://www.inyocounty.us/bishop-airport/lone-pine-o26>
- Airport info <http://www.airnav.com/airport/O26>
- A MEDIVAC operation based in Bishop regularly uses Lone Pine to transport Lone Pine patients; allowing for safe operations for these crews is a priority. They use a PC-12 aircraft which has a long wingspan. Ensure that all runways, taxiways and the ramp area are un-impacted by any event participants
- This airport can often be used by CHP and other military helicopters supporting Search & Rescue.
- ******All landings / departures will be made from the paved runway 16/34 during the event. Runway 13/31 will not be available for operations.******
- **122.8 CTAF/Unicom. 118.25 AWOS-3**
- Be very aware of military airspace that surrounds the airfield. The airport sits inside the **Owens MOA** and is just northwest of the **R-2505**. Flight Following with Joshua Approach on N 126.55 or S 133.65 **is highly recommended for transit to and from Lone Pine** due to the military, event, and general traffic volumes.
- **PARKING AND TIE DOWNS:**
 - **When you arrive, expect to be greeted on the radio and directed into the ramp area for registration.**
 - Once you are checked in and fueled, we will help get you to your parking space/camping area for the weekend.
 - **BRING TIE DOWNS, CHOCKS, MOORINGS** for your own aircraft. The event will be most enjoyable if the winds stay calm, but the Sierra also produce an incredible display of mountain wave. Lone Pine can receive sustained 30 knot winds with gusts well above that, so securing your aircraft is critical.
 - Your parking and camping spot will remain the same throughout the event.
 - Please be mindful of your surroundings. Shut down straight ahead of the parking spot and push your plane in. Pull your plane out before starting if there is a plane or campers behind you. **Maximize your awareness of prop wash.**

GENERAL GUIDANCE

- Please clean up after yourself or your buddies. Do not leave a mess behind.
- Bathrooms - The outdoor bathrooms are operative. The access code is 1228. There is also a bathroom in the airport terminal. Please keep these spaces clean. and do not overwhelm our plumbing.
- It is a lot of work to put up an event like this. If you see a trash can overflowing, something out of place, etc. - take 3 minutes to take care of it. That assistance will be greatly appreciated.
- Expect primitive campsite conditions: No potable water or showers and on the dirt. It will be dusty and fun!
- **Don't push the weather or a maintenance situation. Be aware of your aircraft performance at high DA / mountain terrain.**
- **Bring cash :-)** We will be rolling old school for the event. Cash donations, cash for food, etc.
- You are responsible for yourself, children, family, etc. Be vigilant around the flight line.
- Approach every aircraft as if it were "ON".
- DO NOT touch an aircraft unless you have the permission of the owner/pilot.
- Please consider leaving your pets at home. If you MUST bring your pet, please have it on a leash at all times.

SUPPLIES, FOOD AND WATER:

- Daily temperature and conditions will most likely average in the 80-90F range during the day and 50's at night.
- **Bring and fly with water!** Carry in the aircraft a gallon per person per day.
- There are two outdoor water taps (one on either side of the terminal) that you will have access to. Please, be aware the county does not consider these to be potable water sources.
- A breakfast option will be available on Saturday morning. More information on this offer Friday evening. Did we already say **BRING CASH \$\$**
- **Friday and Saturday evening on the ramp - Local Taco Truck**
- COFFEE!!! Cowboy coffee will be provided for free at the airport Friday thru Sunday morning. Bring your own cup or container to drink from. No cups will be provided.
- It is an easy walk into town where you can find a number of great dining options. There are also a few great outdoor gear shops, hardware store, etc. A ride into town can be coordinated if desired.

General Schedule and Fly-Out Information:

To be eligible for Saturday group fly outs you must arrive by 1200l Friday, have signed a waiver, and attended a **mandatory** pilot brief occurring on Friday evening (1830) and Saturday morning (Time TBD.)

- Fly outs will be conducted with a lead pilot taking groups to various off-airport and dirt strip destinations.
- The groups will be divided by skill level, cruise speed, and airstrip itinerary: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced.
- Strips feature dirt and gravel surfaces of varying conditions. We cannot guarantee surfaces are safe.
- Expected minimum runway lengths (no obstacles and **approx. 6000' DA**)
 - Beginner - 1800'
 - Intermediate - 1300'
 - Advanced <1000'
- Two thoughts on skill level:
 - Don't get fixated on skill level. Every group will have a great time.
 - Skill level should be considered a combination of the aviator and airplane's combined ability.

A final, personal thought: Aviators are a family. Come to this event knowing that we are responsible for taking care of one another, working together, and creating safe and positive memories during a gathering of like minds.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. We look forward to sharing a great experience with you. Don't forget to bring cash.
