

AFTW Practice Area Reporting Points – Phoenix Area

Note 1: Reference to airports & nav aids (8-pt compass direction + distance), as well as **marked Visual Reporting Points** & major geographic features, can also be used.

Note 2: Aircraft are requested to call when entering or leaving, and periodically otherwise.

Note 3: Training aircraft frequently operate at or near all airports & nav aids on the TAC, including use of published and unpublished practice instrument approaches.

Note 4: Sector lines are suggested for maintaining separation between nearby points. Sectors may be split vertically (often about 5,000' MSL), or subdivided by mutual agreement between pilots.

Note 5: Aircraft maneuvering below 1500' AGL should remain clear of uncontrolled & private airport traffic patterns.

Major Separators of Practice Areas:

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| 1. NW & NE Areas | PXR 359 degree radial (V327-562-567) runs over KSDL & Carefree |
| 2. NE & SE Areas | East Mesa & Apache Junction, including foothills west of Superstition Mtns |
| 3. SE & Picacho Areas | Coolidge (P08) traffic area & railroad along W 111-30-00 alignment |
| 4. SE & SW Areas | Interstate 10 and KCGZ airport traffic area |
| 5. SW & Rainbow Valley | Estrella Mtns & Sailport (E68), South past POTER intersection to I-8 |
| 6. Rainbow & Buckeye S | BXK VOR 180 degree radial |
| 7. Buckeye North & South | V16 (BXK 262 degree radial) |
| 8. Buckeye N & NW Area | BXK VOR 000 degree radial & west edge of A-231 |

Practice Area Frequencies:

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| 1. NW & NE Areas | 122.75 MHz |
| 2. SW, SE, Picacho Areas | 122.85 MHz |
| 3. Rainbow Valley | 128.925 MHz |
| 4. Buckeye North & South | 130.625 MHz (west of BXK 000/180 radials & west of A-231) |

Practice instrument approaches usually monitor CTAF or Tower from FAF inbound until landing/ missed approach. Aircraft with two COM radios are requested to monitor Practice Areas whenever possible. FAA requests enroute traffic to monitor 121.5 MHz when possible.

Clear Zones:

Grey "clear zones" are marked in areas where numerous Practice Instrument Approaches, etc., are conducted. Non-approach/ departure traffic should avoid these areas when possible due to increased likelihood of traffic conflicts above 1000' AGL.

Common Users of Practice Areas:

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| KDVT | NW Area |
| KGEU | NW, SE, SW Areas |
| KSDL | NW, NE Areas |
| KFFZ | NE, SE Areas |
| KIWA | SE, Picacho, SW Areas |
| KCHD & P19 | SE, SW Areas |
| KGYR & KBXK | SW, Rainbow Valley and "Buckeye North" & "Buckeye South" areas |

Aerobatic boxes marked in red with maximum altitudes are per the A/FD, and may be used frequently or rarely depending on who is authorized to use each one.

Aerobatic aircraft and rotorcraft often have only one COM radio, which may be committed to a different company or "base" frequency.

***Bold, italicized points** denote more prominent points, which often have a suggested sector on the diagram.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION – Safely and Professionally

This is a key reason for the existence of the AFTW. Please stay polite and professional – agree to disagree if you must, until a discussion on the ground can take place. Many airspace users are not regular participants of AFTW, but we try to work with everyone.

| <u>NW Area Points</u> | <u>Features / ID</u> | <u>Lat/Long dd-mm-ss</u> |
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| Black Canyon City "West" versus "East of Black Canyon" uses I-17 Hwy as divider | I-17 north edge of TAC | N 34-04-00 W 112-08-00 |
| "June's Valley" "West of June's Valley" remains west of I-17 Hwy | east of I-17 as hills rise, some houses | N 33-58-00 W 112-04-00 |
| "New River" | <u>VPNRV</u> – community east of I-17 | N 33-55-05 W 112-08-27 |
| "Anthem" | community east of I-17 halfway between New River & edge of KDVT Class D | N 33-50-00 W 112-06-00 |
| "Shooting Range" | west of I-17, near hills, abeam P48 airstrip | N 33-48-00 W 112-10-00 |
| "Prison" | west of I-17, few miles north of Shooting Range | N 33-50-00 W 112-10-00 |
| "Outlet Mall" | west of I-17 abeam Lake Pleasant | N 33-53-00 W 112-10-00 |
| "S. Lake Pleasant" | dam, marina | N 33-51-00 W 112-16-00 |
| "N. Lake Pleasant" | Agua Fria River flows into lake | N 33-54-00 W 112-17-00 |
| Pleasant Valley "West of Pleasant Valley" area remains clear of P48 traffic pattern | P48 airstrip | N 33-48-02 W 112-15-02 |
| "Quintero Golf Course" | <u>VPQTR</u> - 5 miles west of Lake Pleasant dam | N 33-49-32 W 112-23-35 |
| "Thunder Ridge" | private airstrip along west US 60, inside A-231 | N 33-50-00 W 112-34-00 |
| "N. Proving Grounds" | inside A-231, north of Hwy 60 | N 33-47-00 W 112-29-00 |
| "S. Proving Grounds" | inside A-231, south of Hwy 60 | N 33-42-00 W 112-30-00 |
| "Aux 1" | inside A-231, west of S. Proving Grounds | N 33-43-00 W 112-32-00 |
| "Aux 2" | Inside A-231, east of S. Proving Grounds, along hwy | N 33-42-00 W 112-25-00 |
| "W. Proving Grounds" | west side of A-231, between E25 & BXK | N 33-45-00 W 112-48-00 |
| "Pumping Station" | <u>VPAQU</u> – along aqueduct canal inside A-231 | N 33-40-03 W 112-41-23 |
| "Substation" | north of Luke AFB, east of Aux 2 | N 33-42-30 W 112-19-00 |
| Arrowhead Mall | <u>VPARM</u> – inside NW corner of Loop 101 is on SE corner of Substation area | N 33-38-31 W 112-13-29 |
| Carefree Sky Ranch | private airstrip north of Phoenix | N 33-49-00 W 111-54-00 |
| "Carefree Highway" | runs from P48 to just south of Carefree Sky Ranch | |
| "Bend" in Carefree Hwy | is 2 miles east of I-17 | |
| Cave Creek | runs NE from KDVT to community west of Carefree | |
| "North of Cave Creek" | is north of the Cave Creek Community west of Carefree | |
| "New River Mountains" | seldom used due to terrain, north and east of June's Valley | |

| <u>NE Area Points</u> | <u>Features / ID</u> | <u>Lat/Long dd-mm-ss</u> |
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| "Horseshoe Reservoir" | along Verde River, north edge of TAC | N 34-00-00 W 111-43-00 |
| " Over the Radome " | west of Horseshoe Reservoir | N 33-59-00 W 111-48-00 |
| <i>"East of Horseshoe" uses east side of the valley</i> | | |
| Bartlett Dam | <u>VPBAR</u> - along Verde River south of Horseshoe | N 33-49-06 W 111-37-55 |
| " Bartlett Reservoir " | <i>includes the lake and surrounding valley</i> | |
| " West of Bartlett " | <i>is also "East of Carefree"</i> | |
| Rio Verde Community | <u>VPRVC</u> - square shaped town along Verde River | N 33-44-22 W 111-39-37 |
| Pinnacle Peak | very pointy rock with resort & golf course | N 33-43-30 W 111-52-00 |
| " West of Rio Verde Community " | <i>and Verde River is also "East of Pinnacle Peak"</i> | |
| " East of Rio Verde Community " | <i>should remain clear of Sycamore Creek</i> | |
| Fountain Hills | <u>VPFTN</u> – SE end of McDowell Mtns, west of Verde R. | N 33-36-07 W 111-42-43 |
| " North of Fountain Hills " | <i>remains south of Verde Community, west of Verde River</i> | |
| " Sycamore Creek " | <i>joins Verde River NE of Fountain Hills, north of Beeline Hwy</i> | N 33-39-00 W 111-38-00 |
| " Saguaro Lake " | Salt River runs from it into Mesa | N 33-34-00 W 111-31-00 |
| Beeline Highway | runs from Mesa, around Red Mountain, NE to Payson | |
| " North of Saguaro Lake " | <i>uses PHX Class B 5,000 ft shelf as southern border and stays SE of Beeline Highway</i> | |
| Canyon Lake | east of Saguaro Lake | N 33-32-30 W 111-26-00 |
| Apache Lake | east of Canyon Lake | N 33-35-00 W 111-15-00 |
| Goldfield (Ranch) | community & private airstrip along Beeline Hwy | N 33-36-00 W 111-36-00 |
| " Confluence " | Salt River & Verde River join just east of Red Mountain | N 33-32-00 W 111-40-00 |
| Red Mountain | looks like red step-pyramid, north of KFFZ & separates between traffic over Fountain Hills & Confluence | N 33-32-30 W 111-42-00 |

| <u>SE Area Points</u> | <u>Features / ID</u> | <u>Lat/Long dd-mm-ss</u> |
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| "Apache Junction" | north of US 60, Apache Blvd bends SE to Gold Canyon | N 33-25-00 W 111-33-00 |
| "Gold Canyon" | large square town at bend in US 60 | N 33-22-00 W 111-28-00 |
| "Landfill" | south of Apache Jct. Between Canal & Gold Canyon | N 33-22-00 W 111-32-00 |
| "Canal & Hwy 60" | NW corner of SE Practice Area, near "Landfill" | |
| "Renaissance" (festival) | <u>VPZZZ</u> - along US 60 SE of Gold Canyon | N 33-20-11 W 111-26-32 |
| "West of Renaissance" | is west of Hwy US 60, east of <u>CAP Canal</u> & KIWA Class D & contains a large square "LANDFILL" just south of US 60 | |
| "East of Renaissance" | east of Hwy US 60, use Gold Canyon for transit only | |
| "Florence Junction" | US 60 turns east, Hwy 79 goes south along R-2310 "North of Florence Jct." Remains north of railroad & powerlines | N 33-15-30 W 111-20-00 |
| Florence | town at south end of R-2310 | N 33-02-00 W 111-23-00 |
| "Rittenhouse" | AZ38 - old strip SE of KIWA, west side of Canal | N 33-15-00 W 111-31-00 |
| "Cement Plant" | along road 4 mi east from Rittenhouse, gravel pit | N 33-15-00 W 111-25-00 |
| "East of Rittenhouse" | includes Cement Plant & dry creek bed, staying south & west of Florence Junction WATCH FOR IWA INSTRUMENT APPROACH TRAFFIC | |
| "Water Ski Lake" | seldom used due to IWA ILS practice approach, west side of Canal, 4 mi SE of Rittenhouse, | N 33-12-00 W 111-29-00 |
| Santan Mountains | <u>VPSTN</u> – 10 mi south of KIWA | N 33-09-14 W 111-40-55 |
| Pegasus | private airstrip 6 mi south of KIWA | N 33-12-30 W 111-37-00 |
| Magma | intersection of railroads south of Water Ski Lake | N 33-08-00 W 111-30-00 |
| "Johnson's Ranch" | community along Hunt Hwy, east of Santan Mtns, west of Magma railroads | N 33-09-00 W 111-35-00 |
| "Volcano" | cone-shape 1988' hill with "C" north of the town of Coolidge, east of Florence, outside PXR 30 DME | N 33-04-00 W 111-31-00 |
| "East" versus "West of the Volcano" | uses the railroad from Magma to Coolidge | |
| Sacaton Peak | 5 mi NE of KCGZ | N 33-00-00 W 111-40-00 |
| Central AZ College | 2 mi SSE of Sacaton Peak | N 32-57-00 W 111-39-00 |
| Coolidge | town west of P08 | N 32-59-00 W 111-31-00 |
| "West of Coolidge" | is east of Sacaton Peak USE CAUTION for practice instrument approaches to P08 & CGZ | |
| "Sacaton" | town south of Santan Mountains | N 33-05-00 W 111-44-30 |
| "The Gap" | middle of Santan Mtns – near <u>VPSTN</u> | N 33-10-00 W 111-41-00 |
| "Witch's Hat" | SE end of Santan Mtns – also cone-shape, the zone west of Johnson's Ranch | N 33-07-00 W 111-40-00 |

| <u>Picacho Area</u> | <u>Features / ID</u> | <u>Lat/Long dd-mm-ss</u> |
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| "Picacho Reservoir" | between Coolidge (P08) and Eloy (E60) along canal | N 32-51-00 W 111-29-00 |
| "Newman Peak" | 4520' peak along I-10, opposite Picacho Pk, SE of Eloy | N 32-43-00 W 111-23-00 |
| "Black Mountain" | west of 5587' peak, east of underground pipeline & power lines | |

| <u>SW Area Points</u> | <u>Features / ID</u> | <u>Lat/Long dd-mm-ss</u> |
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| P.I.R. | <u>VPPIR</u> - Phoenix International Raceway SE of KGYR | N 33-22-31 W 112-18-54 |
| "Gila Crossing" | <u>VPGLX</u> – crossing of Gila River bed | N 33-16-33 W 112-10-05 |
| "South of PIR" | north end of "Gila Crossing" area | |
| Firebird Lake | <u>VPFRB</u> – lake/racetrack I-10 west of KCHD | N 33-16-21 W 111-58-06 |
| "West of Firebird Lake" | over Gila River valley east of Estrella Mountains | |
| Maricopa | <u>VPMAR</u> – town along hwy/ railroad east of Estrella | N 33-03-25 W 112-02-53 |
| Estrella Sailport | E68 – south end of Estrella Mountains | N 33-05-07 W 112-09-40 |
| "North of Maricopa" | also east of E68 area and north of Maricopa Hwy Maricopa Mountain (1677' hill) has letter "M" on south face | |
| "South of Maricopa" | south of Maricopa Hwy up to 5 miles, southeast of E68, west of Ak Chin Pvt strip | |
| "West of Stanfield" | TFD VOR, remaining clear of practice instrument approaches | |
| "Bapchule" | small town west of I-10, east of road from Firebird to Maricopa, and clear of North Test Track; USE CAUTION for practice instrument approaches to Chandler | N 33-07-00 W 111-53-00 |
| "North Test Track" | <u>VPNTT</u> – north of Phx Reg'l A39 airstrip, west of I-10, east of Maricopa, generally N/NW of CGZ traffic area | N 33-03-30 W 111-55-50 |
| "U of A airstrip" | U of A Maricopa Ag Center – dirt strip west of North Test Track | |
| "South Test Track" | <u>VPSTT</u> – southwest of A39, remaining clear of practice instrument approaches at Stanfield / Casa Grande | N 32-56-15 W 111-59-40 |

| <u>Rainbow Valley</u> | <u>Features / ID</u> | <u>Lat/Long dd-mm-ss</u> |
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| "Mobile" | private airstrip west of Estrella Mountains | N 33-07-00 W 112-16-00 |

REFER TO ATCA DIAGRAM FOR SECTOR NAMES AND POINTS FOR RAINBOW VALLEY AND WEST (Buckeye N & S) AREAS.