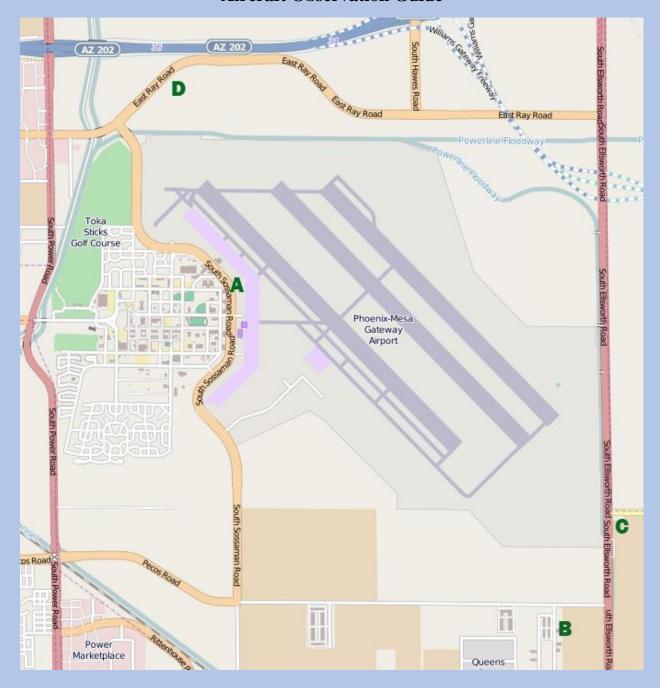
# **Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport (Willie)**

## **Aircraft Observation Guide**



The Hill (Location A) [GPS 33.310287, -111.669321] – This location is the best overall location for observing/photographing at the airport. There is a grass hill designed for observation, public restrooms, picnic tables, and vending machines for snacks/refreshments. The light here is best in the afternoon. It's a great location for departures on 30L and military aircraft taxiing to/from the main ramp and parked at the ramp. A ladder is recommended to get in position for an unobstructed field of view.

**Pecos** (**Location B**) **[GPS 33.284777, -111.639993]** – Turn South off Pecos on to 89<sup>th</sup> Place. This location is good for arrivals on 30L and 30C. The light here is also best in the afternoon. There is private property on both sides of 89<sup>th</sup> Place so it is best to stay parked on either side of the street.

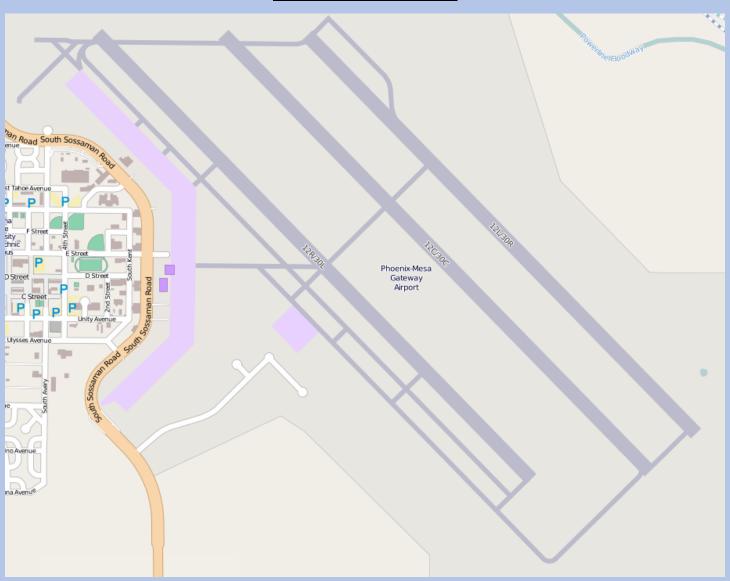
Ellsworth/The Well (Location C) [GPS 33.292042, -111.634628] – This location is located on the SE corner of Pecos and Ellsworth. There is a dirt area and a well on this corner. Park in the dirt area. This location can be good for AM arrivals on 30C and 30L and afternoon arrivals on 30R (depending on the approach of the aircraft).

Ray Road (Location D) – All along Ray Rd there are several locations to shoot for arrivals on 21 and departures on 30. The best location is dependent on which runway is being used and the location of the Sun.

\*\*\*There are NO PARKING signs all along Ray Rd, so it is not advisable to observe/photograph for any period that may be considered a violation. One should consider parking in a legal parking area and walking to an ideal location\*\*\*

There are numerous driveways and parking areas throughout the airport that may provide a decent observing/shooting location. These areas may or may not be considered public areas. Discretion is advised.

#### **Runway Configuration**



## **Scanner Frequencies**

Frequency	Alpha Tag	Description	Mode
118.80000	PhxMesa Helo	Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Helicopter	АМ
120.60000	PhxMesa CTAF	Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport CTAF	AM
120.60000	PhxMesaWestV	Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport West/VHF	АМ
124.75000	PhxMesaEastV	Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport East/VHF	АМ
128.25000	PhxMesaGrndV	Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Ground VHF	АМ
275.80000	PhxMesaGrndU	Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Ground/UHF	AM
289.40000	PhxMesaWestU	Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Ground/UHF	AM
379.22500	PhxMesaEastU	Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport East/UHF	AM

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