

Sunset Airpark Aircraft Operations

Sunset Airpark (1OR3) is a privately owned airstrip for the use of owners and their guests. It is located just south of the City of North Plains and Hwy 26. Sunset is inside the KHIO class D surface area and all operations require contact with Hillsboro Tower on 119.3. There are no services on the field. The field is unlit and night operations are not authorized.

The turf runway 24 – 06 is approximately 3000' x 200' with an elevation of 200' MSL. The surface is mowed during growing seasons and is in good condition. There is a hump in the strip near the RW 06 approach end that blocks ground-level sight lines between the opposing ends. During the winter, some areas of the strip may be soft and muddy. Please avoid operating in areas soft enough to leave ruts.

The approach to RW 06 is over flat agricultural land and crosses Gordon Road at the threshold. The approach to RW 24 is over tall trees. The traffic pattern is on the southeast side of the runway and should be flown at 700' MSL. Most summer weekends the glider port (1OR4) is active one mile to the northwest so use caution for gliders and the towplane.

There is a small windsock on the tractor shed near the runway 06 approach end, and there is a large American flag just northeast of the RW 24 approach end that makes a good wind indicator. The winds at KHIO also give an idea of what to expect.

Arrival Procedures

On approach, contact Hillsboro Tower with the current ATIS and advise that you are landing at Sunset. The tower will authorize transition and may request that you advise once in the Sunset pattern. Most residents land on RW 06 to avoid the tall trees but landing RW 24 is acceptable. Watch for vehicles on Gordon Road, taxiing aircraft, pedestrians, animals, and grass mowing. Make a low-pass and go around if needed. After landing taxi to your destination along either side of the runway.

Departure Procedures

RW 24 is recommended for departures unless strong winds require using RW 06. Taxi and run-up along either side of the runway. Be aware that there is no line-of-sight between the runway ends. It is usually not possible to contact Hillsboro tower from the ground, but you should monitor the tower frequency for calls from inbound traffic. Once airborne, advise the tower that you have departed from Sunset and give your intended direction of flight. HIO controllers are aware of our communication limitations and expect initial contact after take-off. Watch for glider and towplane traffic and avoid climbing out over North Plains for noise abatement.

Contact Dan Benua, Airport Manager, for questions or concerns at 503-702-5387.