

Marine Corps Air Station Yuma

Aircraft Observation Guide



Avenue 3E & 32nd (Location A) [GPS 32.669837, -114.584667] – This is a great spot in the AM to shoot arrivals on runway 21 and departures on runway 03. Take 32nd St. west off of Avenue 3E. Immediately begin to look for an area where the curb is recessed to pull in on the north side. Depending on runway use, you will have to move east/west at this location to catch the traffic on the various runways. Also, keep an ear/eye out for AM Helo departures at this location.

The Fairgrounds (Location B) [GPS 32.669974, -114.592156] – This is a great location for Afternoon to late afternoon arrivals on runway 21 and departures on runway 03. Take 32nd St until the entrance to the Fairground’s parking lot. Like “Location A”, you will have to move west/east in the parking lot depending on whether the arrivals/departures are going to the left or right runway. ***Note*** The Fairground’s parking lot typically closes at 3-4pm. When this happens, you can move to one of the inlets in front of the gate to the Fairgrounds.

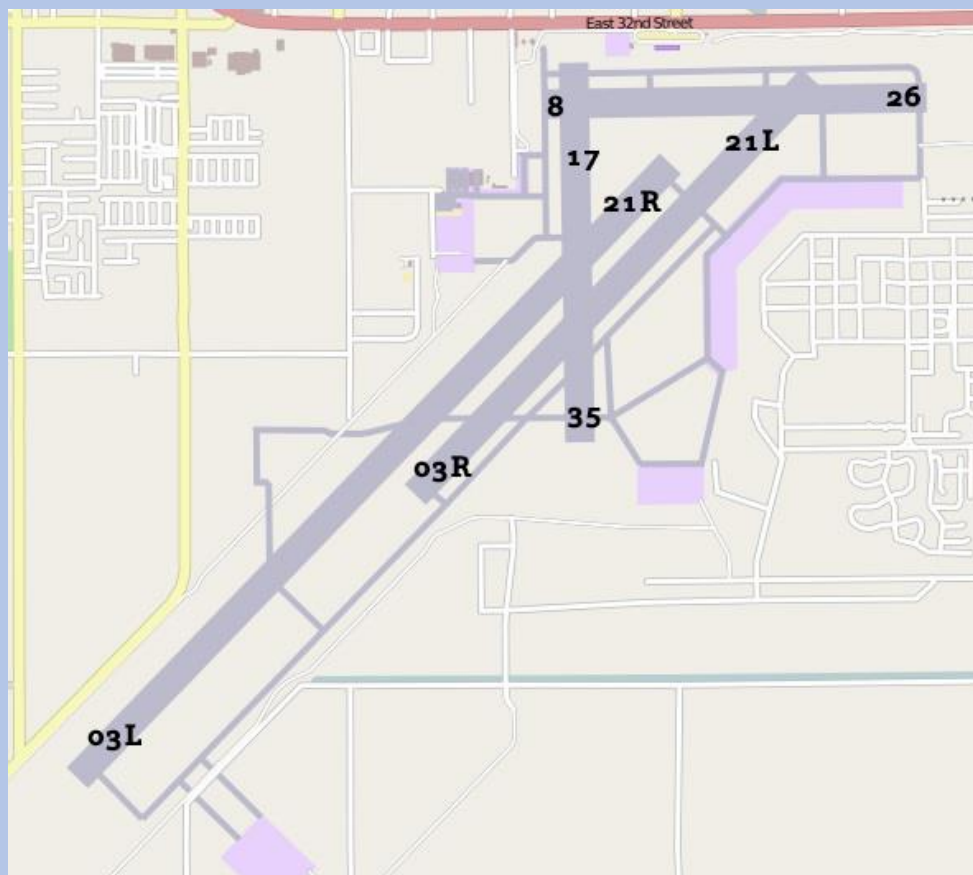
The Conservation Garden (Location C) [GPS 32.669698, -114.594312] – If afternoon traffic is heavy on 21R/03L, you may want to shoot from this location for a better viewing angle. This location is just west of the fairgrounds. You can park your vehicle on the dirt area between 32nd St. and the Conservation Garden. The only way to access this dirt area is off of Pacific Ave. Head north on Pacific until the first driveway on the right. Take the dirt path back to the Conservation Garden location.

The Sand Dunes (Location D) – [GPS 32.633226, -114.637652] – This location is great for late-afternoon arrivals on 03L. For arrivals on 03R a lens with a focal length of 400mm+ is required. The location is accessed by heading south on 4th Ave./Airport Loop. There is a dirt area in front of the dunes where you can park. Take the short trail around the back to get on top of the dunes. This will provide an almost eye-level view of the arrivals.

4th Ave. & 14th St. (Location E) – [GPS 32.625644, -114.633070] – This location can be good for morning arrivals on 30 and departures on 21. It is located on the SW corner of 4th Ave./S Ave. A & E County 14th St.

****It is recommended that a scanner radio be used to monitor the traffic in and out of the base****

Runway Configuration



Scanner Frequencies

| Frequency | Alpha Tag | Description |
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| 336.4 | MCAS CD | MCAS Yuma Clearance & Delivery |
| 118 | MCAS CD | MCAS Yuma Clearance & Delivery |
| 361.2 | MCAS TWR | MCAS Yuma Tower |
| 119.3 | MCAS TWR | MCAS Yuma Tower |
| 374.8 | MCAS DEP | MCAS Yuma Departure |
| 125.55 | MCAS DEP | MCAS Yuma Departure |
| 336.4 | MCAS APP | MCAS Yuma Approach |
| 374.8 | MCAS APP | MCAS Yuma Approach |
| 124.7 | MCAS APP | MCAS Yuma Approach |
| 377.9 | MCAS CMD | MCAS Yuma Command |
| 273.2 | MCAS ATIS | MCAS Yuma ATIS |
| 118.8 | MCAS ATIS | MCAS Yuma ATIS |

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