

BURNING MAN

BLACK ROCK DESERT, NEVADA

AUGUST 23, 2023 - SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this Notice is to inform all pilots of special procedures that will be implemented during Burning Man, August 23, 2023- September 4, 2023 in the vicinity of Black Rock Desert, NV. During this event a private-use airport, Black Rock City Municipal Airport (88NV), is created and operated by Black Rock City, LLC on land owned by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Pilots should review and adhere to procedures contained in this Notice during the effective dates.



PRIOR PERMISSION REQUIRED

Per the [Federal closure order](#), all operations at 88NV must abide by the published airport rules at airport.burningman.org, including pre-registration.

Overflights are also recommended to [pre-register](#), and must contact ATC per FAR 91.126(d).
See below for additional instructions.

ALL AIRCRAFT USE CAUTION

HIGH VOLUME SIGHT-SEEING TRAFFIC, SKYDIVING, LASERS, FIREWORKS, AND/OR HOT AIR BALLOON ACTIVITY ABOVE AND IN THE VICINITY OF BLACK ROCK CITY

AIRPORT DATES AND HOURS

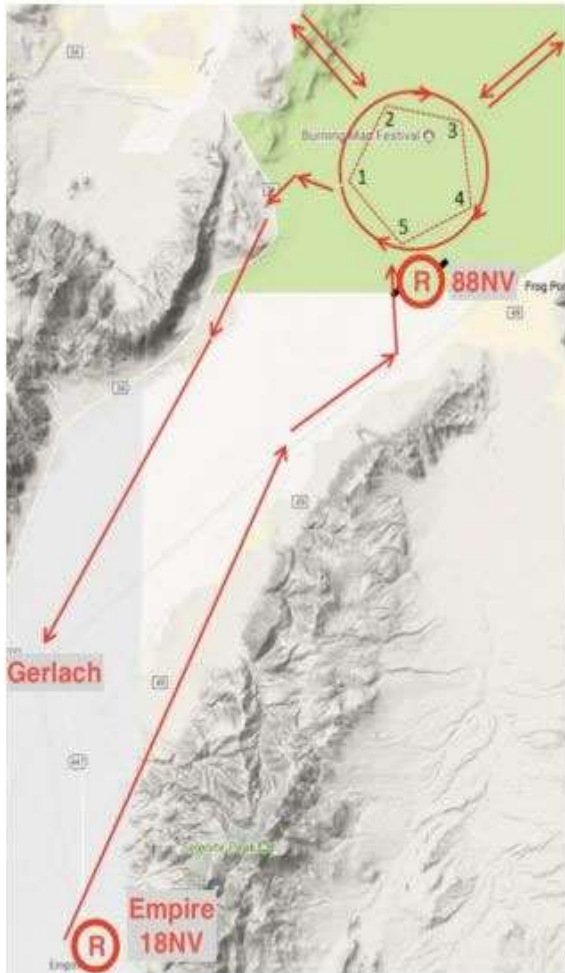
	Airport open for early arrivals	ATC + Airport open for early arrivals	Burning Man event	Event exodus	BLM closure order effective
Dates	Wed Aug 23 - Thurs Aug 24	Fri Aug 25 - Sat Aug 26	Sun Aug 27 - Sat Sep 2	Sun Sep 3 - Mon Sep 4	Tue Sep 5 - Oct
Restrictions	Work Access Pass required			No new arrivals	PPR for departures
ATC hours / controlled airspace	None	Fri Aug 25 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM	8:00 AM to 6:30 PM	6:30 AM to 6:30PM	-
Airport open but uncontrolled - UNICOM will be staffed	8 AM to 6:30 PM	Sat Aug 26 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM "GA Scenic Skies"	6:30 AM to 8:00 AM "GA Scenic Skies"	(ATC open early)	-
Box office hours (new arrivals will only be admitted during this time)	8 AM - 6 PM	8 AM - 6 PM	8 AM - 6 PM (box office closes @ noon on Sat Sep 2)	-	-

PROHIBITED OPERATIONS

Night operations *except pre-approved medevac	Gliders & Glider Towing
Student Pilot Solo	Banner Towing
Flight Training	Aircraft without Two-Way Communication
Low Approaches	Aircraft with Capacity >29 Passengers

“SCENIC AND GO” PROCEDURE

Flights that wish to overfly Black Rock City are recommended to pre-register at airport.burningman.org and read the advisory materials there. To perform a scenic orbit and then depart, aircraft should maintain above 7000' MSL starting at Empire Airport, remain outside of the polygon shaped city perimeter fence, and circle clockwise. Make contact with 88NV tower on 134.7 within ten miles of 88NV, as airspace is controlled (see hours above).



VFR ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE RWY 23L/R

BLACK ROCK CITY (88NV) – 2023

Apt Elev 3904

See advisory for hours – new arrivals must land by 6PM local, airport closes 6:30PM local. Arrivals make initial radio call at approx 10 nm, abeam Gerlach.
 TPA: 5000 < 100 KIAS or 5500 >= 100 KIAS
 Overflights: 7000. Fly green+blue arrival route then red departure route.
 ATCT phone for weather / closure information: (775) 557-6027
 HS1: be alert for converging arrival and scenic traffic over Frog Pond.

BLACK ROCK TOWER 134.7	BLACK ROCK GROUND 118.35	BLACK ROCK UNICOM 122.9	BxA OPS 121.05
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STARTING POINT: EMPIRE APT

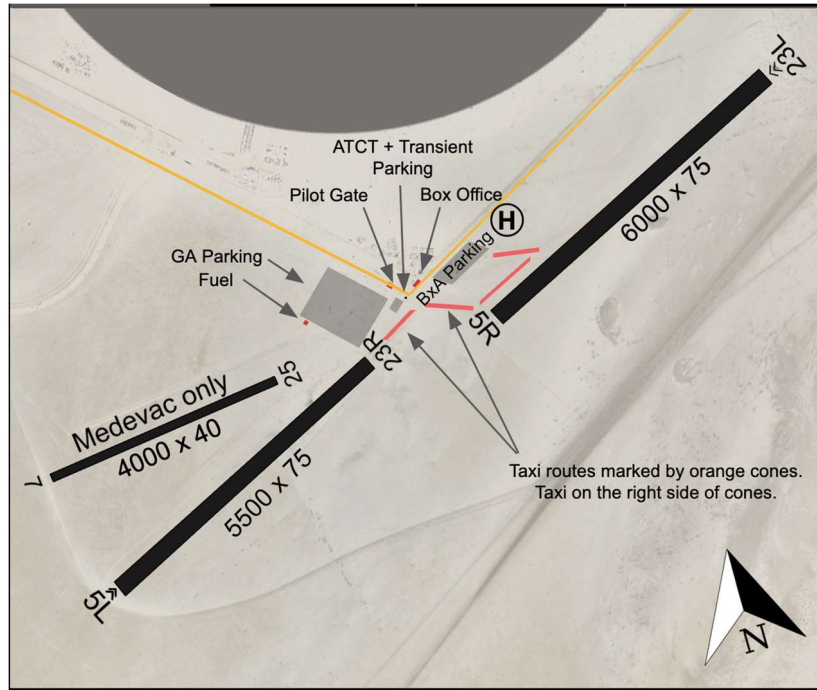
- ARRIVAL: Start at Empire Airport (18NV) southwest of 88NV. Keep mountains on your right, intercept and follow RR tracks.
- SCENIC ARRIVAL: >6 seat/turbine aircraft NA. 7000. Turn toward PT. 5 once abeam. Keep > 1 NM distance to Razorback Mountain for traffic separation.
- DEPARTURE: fly straight out for 15 NM, then on course remaining clear of city and arrivals – in particular, avoid head-on traffic from Empire.

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FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY, CONSULT OFFICIAL RESOURCES FOR NAVIGATION AND OBSTRUCTIONS

Airport Information

FAA Airport Identifier	88NV
Airport Coordinates	40°45'49.4"N 119°12'37.8"W – 65 NM SW of KWMC
Field Elevation	3904' MSL

Diagram & Runways



23L / 5R - 6000' x 75' using cones

23R / 5L - 5500' x 75' using cones

25 / 7 - 4000' x 40 using cones (medevac only)

Calm-wind runways 23 – winds almost always favor 23.

Right traffic runways 5.

23L and 5L typically used for landing (“L is for landings” at 88NV)

23R and 5R typically used for takeoff

Surface Conditions

Dry alkaline lake bed. Small dunes of powdery, soft soil. Runways and taxi areas conditioned by rolling and watering.

Traffic Pattern Altitude (TPA)

5000' MSL for aircraft flying below 100 KIAS on downwind.

5500' MSL for aircraft at or above 100 KIAS.

Frequencies

134.7 - Black Rock Tower / CTAF

118.35 - Black Rock Ground

122.9 - Unicom (parking assignment and everything else)

121.05 - BxA Ops (BxA Parking/Starting)

128.8 - Oakland Center (>10,000 MSL)

Fuel	100LL available by advance purchase only. No fuel is sold on-playa.
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OAKLAND AIR ROUTE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER INFORMATION

Oakland Air Route Traffic Control Center requests the following from aircraft transiting to and from 88NV airport;

Departing Aircraft requesting VFR flight following West and Southbound should contact Oakland Center on Frequency: 128.8.

Departing Aircraft requesting VFR flight following North and Eastbound should contact Salt Lake Center on 132.25.

Radio and Radar coverage is limited in the area of Empire Airport (18NV) and Black Rock City Municipal Airport (88NV) below 10,000ft.

When requesting flight following to Empire Airport (18NV) it will be assumed you are going to 88NV.

Expect radar service to terminate around Empire Airport (18NV). If your Radar service is not terminated and you are approaching Empire Airport please ask to terminate with ATC. If you leave Oakland Center frequency without termination of Radar service, we will be required to issue an Alert Notice.

When the frequency is busy please keep communications to a minimum. The Air Traffic Sector that works Burning Man is large and contains 5 separate transmitters. Because of transmitter location you might not hear other pilots on the frequency.

Please use caution for Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR's) for firefighting operations. If you are receiving flight following from Oakland Center you are still required to be aware of current TFR's and NOTAMS along your flight path. If you are getting close to a TFR we will advise and issue a vector.

If planning on an IFR pickup with Oakland Center, expect a minimum IFR altitude of 13,000 going West over the Sierras and 11,000 going North or East. Lower altitudes are available if flying on airways.

When en-route to Burning Man, please avoid unnecessary flights in the vicinity of the following airports; KTRK, KRNO and KTVL. These areas will be busy with Glider operations and increased traffic loads.

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