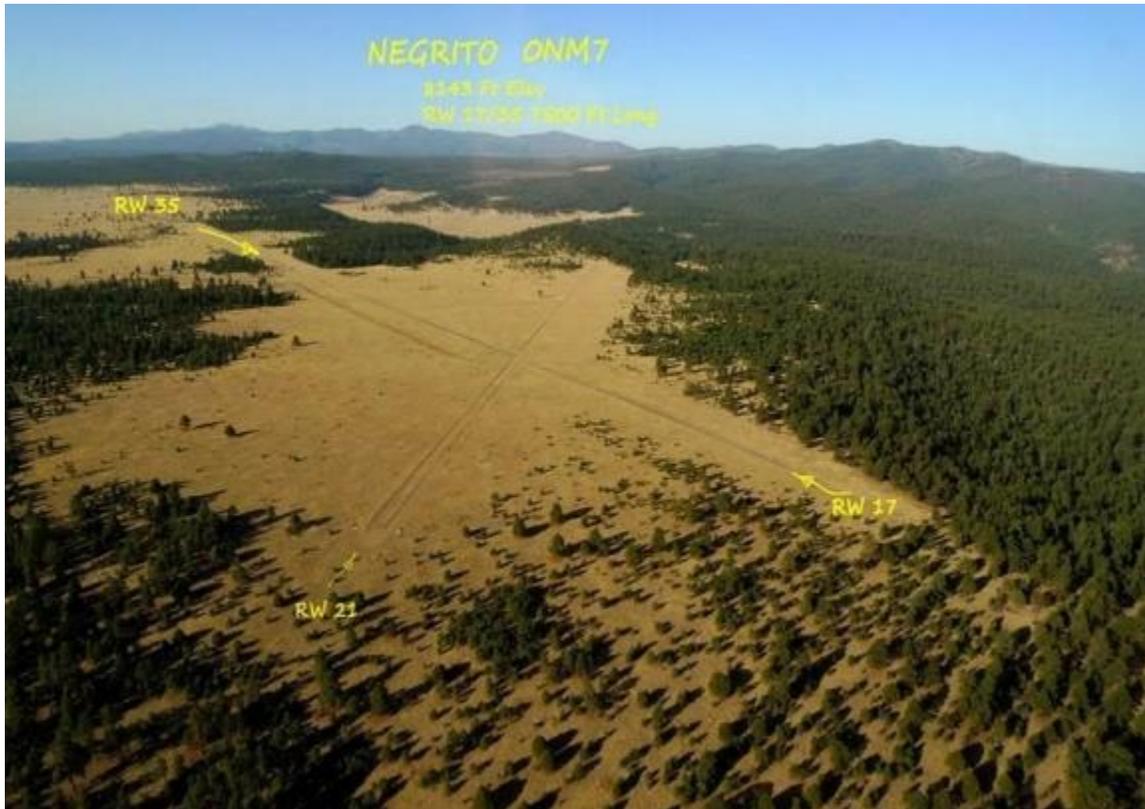


Negrito, NM (0NM7)

Airstrip Briefing

33-31.253667N / 108-32.570200W

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GENERAL:

-Negrito is a US Forest Service dirt airstrip located 18 nm southeast of Reserve, New Mexico, in the Gila National Forest. Field elevation is 8143' and density altitude is usually much higher. The airstrip is generally well maintained although the surface can be soft during wet weather and may be unusable during winter due to snow. The airstrip may be closed for firefighting operations during spring and summer months, and at other times as required by USFS.

OWNER: US Forest Service, (800) 538-1644

PRIOR PERMISSION REQUIRED: Yes, contact owner

ENROUTE:

-The airport is charted on the Albuquerque Sectional. Monitoring USFS aircraft frequency (120.7) is highly recommended while over the Gila National Forest

-CAUTION: The airport is surrounded by high terrain ranging from 8,014' msl to 10,895' msl (13nm southwest).

-CAUTION: The airstrip is under the Reserve MOA and adjacent to numerous other MOAs; high speed military aircraft operations as low as 500' AGL are common.

-CAUTION: Radio communications will be lost below 10,000 msl. If using a VFR flight plan, cancel it before losing communications. There is a Verizon cell tower 25 miles NW and spotty cell service is available at the picnic area with 2 bars and 4G.

COMMUNICATION:

- Albuquerque Approach: 134.45
- Albuquerque AFSS: 122.2
- Prescott AFSS: 122.3
- Negrito CTAF: 122.9- Announce position and intentions well prior to entering pattern.
- US Forest Service aircraft: 120.7

Weather Reporting - None; Reserve Airport (T16) is scheduled to get AWOS in 2024, 18nm NW.

APPROACHES:

- PLEASE** Be mindful of hunting seasons August-January, do not circle excessively.
 - Visual approaches only. VFR traffic pattern is 9100' msl with left traffic.
 - There is a windsock at approach end runway 35, another near runway intersection, and a tetrahedron northwest of intersection.
 - Runways are partially lined with boulders and some tress
 - Runway 35 is preferred; 7500' x 40', turf/gravel; Runway 35 slopes up 0.9%
 - Runway 03/21 is 4000' x 40', turf/gravel

 - CAUTION:** ARTCC/AFSS frequencies will not work below approximately 10,000msl due to terrain. Plan to cancel flight following and FAA flight plans accordingly.
 - CAUTION:** Cattle, deer, and elk are common on and in vicinity of airstrip and may be on the field during aircraft operations; runways may have wildlife induced damage.
 - CAUTION:** Wheel pants not recommended.
 - CAUTION:** Runway 03/21 has a canyon on the east side and commonly has severe turbulence and wind shears.
- Severe downdrafts are probable at the approach end of runway 21. Plan to touchdown further down the runway.**

GROUND OPERATIONS:

- Arriving aircraft should vacate the runway as soon as practical. Tie-downs are located both sides of runway 17/35 near mid-field.
- Taxi into a tiedown spot without first inspecting the area is not recommended. The entire area around the runways is filled with rocks which can be hidden from site due to high grass. Walk all areas before taxing off runway. Tricycle gear tail oscillations are likely when pushing back into parking. Suggest securing elevator control full aft to prevent elevator damage.
- All aircraft will need to supply their own chocks, stakes, and tiedowns.
- CAUTION:** Runway 17/35 edge has 8-12" dropoff on north side

FUEL: Fuel is not available; nearest fuel locations are Springerville (KJTC) or Grant County (KSVC)

DEPARTURE:

- All pilots should announce intentions on 122.9 prior to leaving the tiedown area.
- Runway 17 is the preferred departure runway, and the far end may not be visible beyond the intersection.
- There is a USFS campground just NE of Negrito, try to avoid overflight.
- The airport is surrounded by high terrain in all quadrants.

-Intersection departures are not recommended.

-CAUTION: Density altitude is usually a factor and can easily exceed 12,000'. Aircraft performance should be calculated for ambient conditions before departure.

AMMENITIES:

In ground tie-down anchors; 5 on E side and 3 on W side of runway 17/35.

Fire ring with grilling top.

Picnic tables and a shade structure.

Vault toilet with wheelchair access.

USFS kiosk with information.

Fishing--Gwynn Tank, just NE of the airfield, is stocked with Gila Trout.

There is a USFS fire base 1 mile East in case of emergency. It is intermittently staffed spring through fall.

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