

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT Pilot's Guide



SMO Fly Neighborly, Fly Quietly

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Frequencies

CTAF	120.1 MHz
ATIS	119.15 MHz
Tower	120.1 MHz (0700 to 2100 local)
Ground Control	121.9 MHz (0700 to 2100 local)
VOT	113.9 MHz
SMO VORTAC	110.8 MHz
ASOS	310-392-6453

Traffic Pattern

Left Traffic	Runway 21
Right Traffic	Runway 03
Pattern Altitude	1,370 feet MSL Single-Engine 1,870 feet MSL Multi-Engine

Instrument Approach Procedure

VOR	Runway 21
RNAV (GPS)	Runways 03 & 21

Airfield Information

Field Elevation	170 feet MSL
Runway 21	170 feet MSL
Runway 03	126 feet MSL
Runway Length/Width	3,500 feet X 150 feet (ASPH)
Runway Slope	1.2% down SW
Runway Lighting	MIRLs, PAPI R03, REIL & PAPI R21
Maximum Weight	60,000 lbs. Maximum Certified Landing Weight (dual wheel)



SMO Fly Neighborly Program

Fly Neighborly Program

Welcome to the Santa Monica Municipal Airport, former home of the Douglas Aircraft Company and its iconic DC3 aircraft. We hope you will enjoy your time with us. This brochure introduces you to the Santa Monica Airport's Fly Neighborly Program and will help you operate your aircraft in the least impactful manner possible while providing a safe environment.

The Airport is in the heart of a neighborhood surrounded by over 130,000 residents. The City of Santa Monica is proactively committed to its extensive noise mitigation program, which includes a maximum allowable noise level, limited aircraft operations hours, and requested VFR noise mitigation flight paths and procedures. This brochure is designed to assist you with compliance of these procedures; helping you be a good neighbor.

The City and Airport staff recognize that pilots truly are the key to a successful noise mitigation program. We greatly appreciate your help and cooperation in making the Airport a good neighbor.

DISCLAIMER: The procedures described in this brochure are not intended to preempt the prerogatives or responsibilities of the pilot in command, conflict with safe aircraft operations, or interfere with ATC instructions or any domain that is the exclusive authority of the FAA.

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Mandatory Restrictions

The following procedures and limitations are enforced per the City's Aircraft Noise Ordinance. Violations may result in the imposition of fines and/or exclusion from Santa Monica Airport.

- **Maximum Noise Level: 95.0 dBA Single Event Noise Exposure Level (SENEL) as measured 2,200' from either end of the runway.**
- **Formation takeoffs and landings are prohibited.**
- **Helicopter flight training is prohibited.**

Mandatory Night Departure Curfew

No takeoffs or engine starts including Auxiliary Power Units (APU) between 11pm and 7am Monday through Friday or until 8am on weekends. *Exceptions are allowed for bona fide medical or public safety emergencies only. Contact Airport Administration.*

Voluntary Night Arrival Curfew

11pm to 7am Monday through Friday or until 8am on weekends. Pilots are requested to avoid arriving during this time period due to the negative noise impact on the community.

Note: Compliance with the Airport Ordinance is mandatory unless deviations are made necessary by weather, ATC instructions or clearances, inflight emergency or other safety considerations.

These helicopter procedures are derived from a Letter of Agreement between the City of Santa Monica and the FAA.

Helicopter Departures RWY 21

Depart via runway and offset left at the VOR to over-fly the length of the Penmar Golf Course. Please make all turns at shoreline (see map.)

Helicopter Departures RWY 03

Depart via runway and proceed straight out to 405 FWY before executing left or right crosswind.

VFR Helicopter Arrivals

Enter midfield 90 degrees to the runway at or above **900 feet MSL** and execute descending turn to runway. Whenever possible, **do not commence descent until established over the Airport or Business Park** located north of the runway.

Public Use Helipad Parking (Restricted to 2 hours)

The Helipad is located on the south side of runway 03/21. When landing on the helipad, avoid flying over the Airport Observation Deck at the Airport Administration Building and stationary or taxiing aircraft to minimize rotor wash. Remain clear of the runway at all times unless approved by the ATC.

Pilots are requested to contact Atlantic Aviation for overnight or long term parking. (310) 396-6770

Fixed Based Operators Providing Transient Services

Atlantic Aviation

2828 Donald Douglas Loop North, Santa Monica, CA 90405
 Phone: 310-396-6770 Frequency: 129.375 MHz
 Fuel – JetA, 100LL

