



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Visitor Access to NAS Pensacola

PENSACOLA, Fla. – Public visitation to Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola’s areas of public interest – including the National Naval Aviation Museum (NNMA) and the Pensacola Lighthouse – remains open from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m.

Until further notice, **ALL VISITORS** over the age of 18 must be vetted through the NAS Pensacola Visitor Control Center (VCC) at the south end of Navy Blvd. before being granted access to the installation. Screened individuals must then use the installation’s West Gate at the south end of Blue Angel Parkway.

The NAS Pensacola VCC will open for public visitors at 8 a.m.

All individuals who do not hold a Department of War Identification Card who are 18 years of age and older planning to visit areas of public interest such as the National Naval Aviation Museum or the Pensacola Lighthouse and Maritime Museum will need to follow the steps below.

- **Visitor Control Center:** Before accessing the installation, all visitors must first go to the Visitor Control Center located at the main front gate at the south end of Navy Blvd. Please use the left lane when approaching the installation. All visitors 18 and older must present a valid government-issued ID, such as a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or a U.S. passport.
- **Background Check and Pass:** At the Visitor Control Center, individuals will undergo a routine background check and be issued a visitor pass.
- **Proceed to the West Gate:** Once a visitor pass is granted, individuals will then proceed to the West Gate entrance, located at the south end of Blue Angel Parkway, to access areas of public interest onboard the air station.
- **Anticipate longer than normal wait times:** Visitors are encouraged to plan and allow extra time to transit through the security process. Although visitation is encouraged, installation operations take precedence.
- Please be aware that all vehicles and personnel are subject to security searches.

- Weapons, backpacks, coolers, and alcoholic beverages are not permitted.

“Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola remains vigilant and will take appropriate actions to ensure the safety and security of our U.S. service members, civilians, contractors, and their families. We constantly assess a variety of factors that determine what measures we institute or modify to protect our installations, our people and their families.”

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