

World Renowned Naval Aviators the Blue Angels will perform over Jones Beach during this year's Memorial Day Weekend [celebration](#). The Blue Angels suspended air shows in 2013 because of federal budget cuts, known as the budget sequestration. The sequestration remains in effect, but the Angels have booked 65 shows in 34 U.S. locations, according to a press release. "Our performances provide a unique opportunity to inspire millions to connect with and support our service members, and we are looking forward to an exciting 2014 season," said Blue Angels' commanding officer and flight leader Commander Thomas Frosch. The Angels fly F/A-18 Hornets. [LIVE FEED](#)



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SAT-5/24 ▯ & SUN-5/25 ▯ ... ▯ 10AM - 3PM

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Admission Price: FREE

Parking Cost: \$10.00

Train/Bus Service: <http://web.mta.info/lirr/getaways/beach/JonesBeach.htm>

Get there early. In the past, this show has easily seen 200,000 people fill up the beach on a single day. It is not unusual for the parking lots to be filled by 11:00am (if not earlier). When this happens, the parkways are closed and people are turned away. So, it is probably a good idea to arrive before 10:00am, or as early as reasonably possible.

**SUNSCREEN.** Bring it. You will be in the sun for over five hours. Trust me, you will need plenty of it.

**BAGS, BACKPACKS, AND COOLERS ARE OK** (this is a beach you know), but keep in mind **THEY WILL BE SEARCHED**

so don't bring too much stuff along with you. It will also get crowded near show-center, and extra baggage could make movement difficult. There is a nice fast-food style restaurant on the East end of the beach, and refreshment vendors will be located along the boardwalk. If you want to keep costs low, you may want to bring along your own drinks and snacks. There will be no bleachers or seating of any sort (with the exception of the VIP Chalets that require a separate entry fee purchased before the show), so bring a blanket to sit on, or a foldable chair. If you plan on sitting close to the water, you might want to bring a jacket or long-sleeved shirt. Even though the air temperature may be warm, the waters will still be cold and can cause the area right by the shoreline to be surprisingly chilly.

**EARPLUGS** are suggested for the younger viewers (under 3 years), but aren't a bad idea for some of the grown-up viewers as well. The jets can get loud, and you might get stuck next to some annoying guy who won't shut up about his cats.

**Photography** is always fun at an air show, but there are several things to keep in mind, and you should know the limits of your camera. Even though the planes will be close, they will still be far enough away that you will need a decent amount of zoom. The beach faces South, directly into the sun, so most everything will be backlit all day. Also, the air tends to get quite hazy, making it difficult to get a crisp shot. Don't let these handicaps prevent you from bringing your camera, however. You never know what kind of moments you will be able to capture.

**KITES ARE PROHIBITED.** They can easily distract the performers, and that could result in some rather nasty stuff. Please leave these flying machines at home.

**NO PETS.** Of course, this excludes animals that aid the handicapped. Unless that animal happens to be a ferret, and if you are using a ferret to lead you around everywhere, you will probably have trouble getting to the show in the first place.

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## Watching the Show

There are two ways that one can watch the show: from the beach or from a boat. Some have asked me if the show can be seen from other surrounding beaches, and the answer is probably yes. However, you will be nowhere near airshow center (where all the action takes place and the acts are centered around) and you will not hear Mr. Reider's commentary. So for the best viewing experience, stay with Jones Beach itself.

For those with boats, the show can be viewed from Zach's Bay or from the ocean. However, there are restrictions as to where in the ocean the show can be watched. I was able to find these parameters for the 2005 show, and I can only assume that they will be the same for this year. And if they aren't exactly the same, the worst that can happen is the Coast Guard will yell at you and tell you to move. No biggie.

"Sec. 165.T01-033 Safety Zone; Jones Beach Air show, Jones Beach, Wantagh, NY. .. (a) Location. Beginning at a point on land located in Jones Beach State Park at approximate position **40[deg]35'06" N, 073[deg]32'37" W**, then running east along the shoreline of Jones Beach State Park to approximate position **40[deg]35'49" N, 073[deg]28'47" W**; then running south to an position in the Atlantic Ocean off of Jones Beach at approximate position **40[deg]34'23" N, 073[deg]32'23" W**; then running west to approximate position **40[deg]35'05" N, 073[deg]28'34" W**; then running north to the point of beginning at approximate position

**40[deg]35'06" N, 073[deg]32'37" W.**

All coordinates are North American Datum 1983."

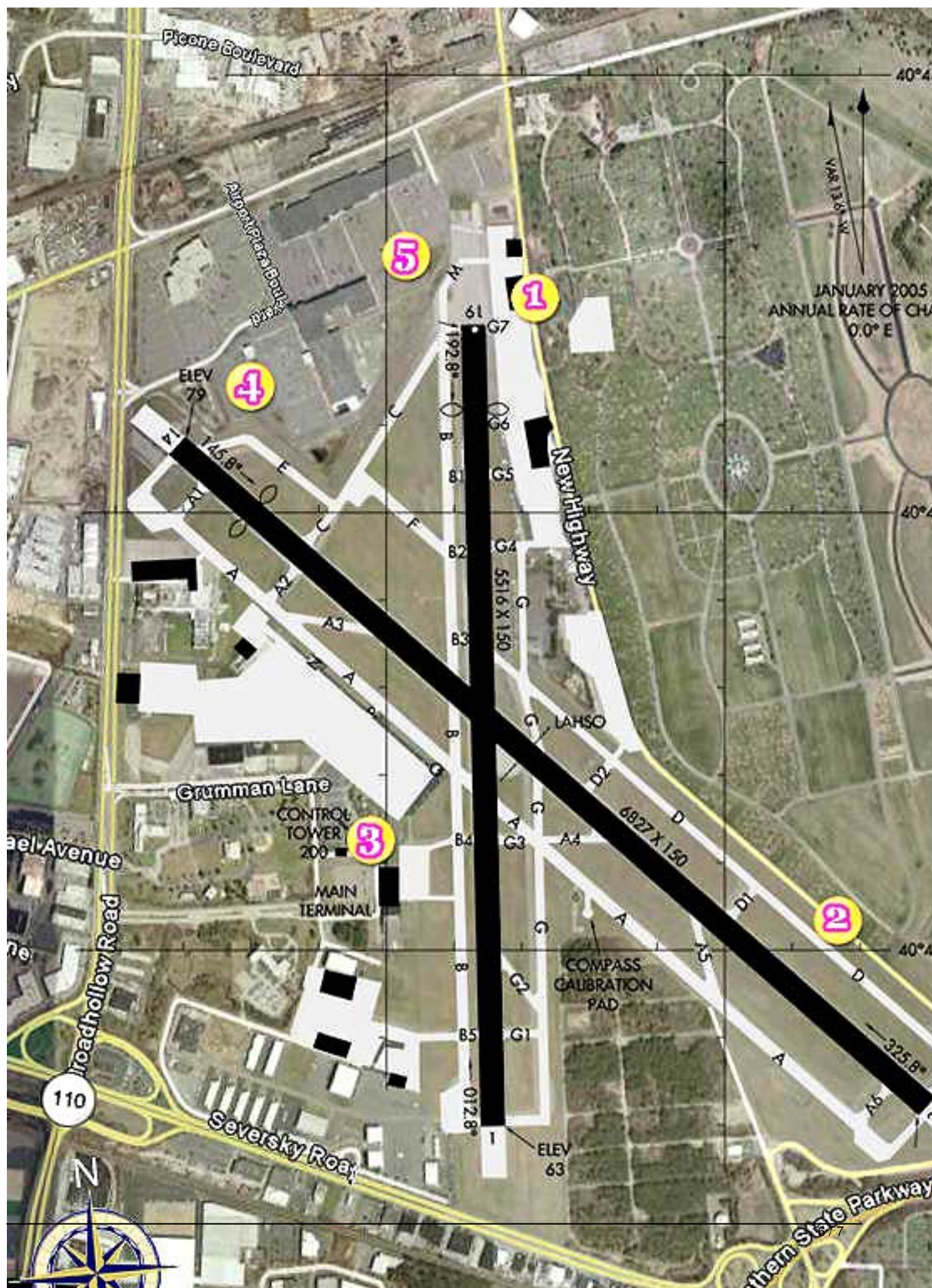
### **The Airport**

With all of these great planes flying about, they've got to take off and land from somewhere. That somewhere is Republic Airport in Farmingdale. You can get up close and personal with some of the planes and performers at the American Airpower Museum after the show. Also, many people elect to spend an entire day at the airport watching the acts depart and arrive. Most of the performers will be based here with the exception of the F-22 and the 106th ANG, who will stage from Gabreski Airport in Westhampton. Aircraft locations could change as close as the day before the show, and I'll do my best to keep track of everything.

### **About the Airport**

For all the little facts and figures that some of you aviation nerds may want to know, they can all be found at <http://www.airnav.com/airport/KFRG> . But if you are an aviation nerd, you probably know all that stuff already.





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