

# Sheppard Air Force Base

## Drones/Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Information

The growing popularity of Unmanned Aircraft Systems, more commonly known as drones, has the potential of making an already busy airspace above Sheppard Air Force Base and Wichita Falls increasingly dangerous. To mitigate flight risks, there is information possible users should know:

- The Federal Aviation Administration has established rules (Part 107) to help keep the skies as safe as possible including the requirement to register your drone with the FAA. More rules can be found at [www.faa.gov/uas/getting\\_started](http://www.faa.gov/uas/getting_started) and [www.knowbeforeyoufly.org](http://www.knowbeforeyoufly.org).
- Drone use over military installations is prohibited. **Unauthorized UAS activity will be reported to Security Forces and/or local law enforcement with penalties including fines up to \$27,500 for civil penalties and \$250,000 for criminal penalties; and an Article 92 UCMJ violation for military members.**
- Unmanned Aircraft System Facility Maps (UASFM) show the maximum altitudes around airports where the FAA may authorize Part 107 sUAS operations (see below). They are used as job aids by FAA Part 107 processors to help process airspace authorization requests within the NAS. More information can be found at:

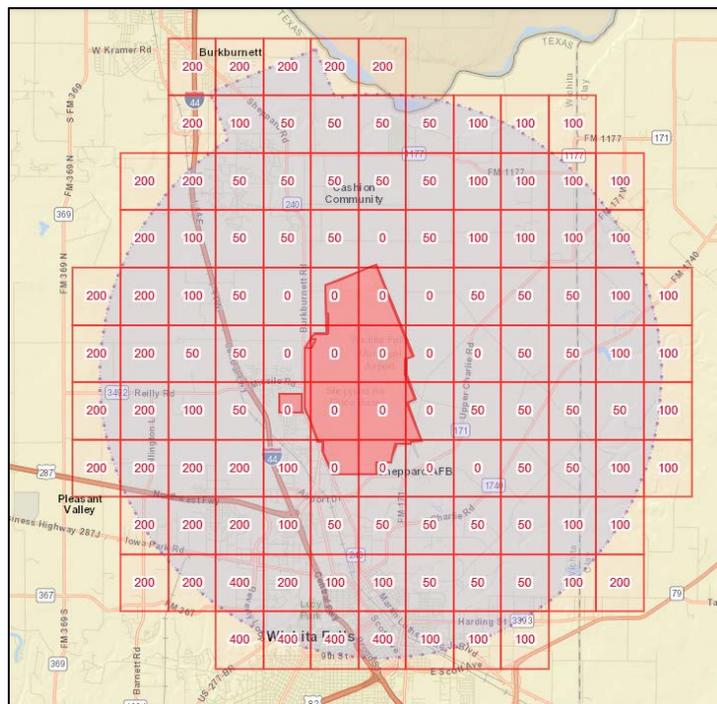
<https://faa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9c2e4406710048e19806ebf6a06754ad>

### Military Training Routes

Sheppard aircraft routinely fly along “low-level” military training routes almost daily. These routes cover a large portion of North Texas and Southern Oklahoma and are flown at 500 feet above the ground or higher. If operating a drone/UAS in these areas, use extreme caution and coordinate UAS operations through the FAA Part 107 process.

### Contact Us

Refer questions or concerns about UAS activity near Sheppard AFB and around Wichita Falls to 80 OSS Airfield Operations at [80OSS.OSA.AirfieldOperations@us.af.mil](mailto:80OSS.OSA.AirfieldOperations@us.af.mil).



FAA UASFM for Sheppard AFB and surrounding areas showing max altitudes for UAS operations.