

# WYS Pilot Campground Improvements



The Yellowstone Airport campground underwent a full makeover! Multiple recent improvements were made, and new amenities were added, greatly enhancing the overall camping experience. A new pavilion was constructed to provide shelter from the elements and serve as a central gathering place for camping pilots. The communal pavilion is complete with two handmade picnic tables, a fire ring, and a wildlife-proof refuse bin.

The pavilion was constructed by Yellowstone Airport staff with help from a Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF) volunteer. Some unique reclaimed materials were utilized during its construction including pieces of scrap metal from the old temporary FAA Air Traffic Control tower on field during the infamous 1988 fires in Yellowstone National Park. Earlier this summer, gravel was spread to reduce mud issues and the picnic tables were delivered and placed to complete the pavilion project.

New campfire fire rings throughout the campground were provided by the RAF in 2019, and the picnic tables were purchased and equally split by Montana Aeronautics, the RAF, and the Montana Pilot's Association. A new concrete vaulted toilet was also installed in May of 2020. This welcomed improvement will serve the campground users for many decades to come.

The Yellowstone Airport is excited to welcome all aviation enthusiasts to the campground and hopes to see you there this season! While there isn't a fee to use the campground, there is a donation box to assist with maintaining this gem in the trees. For any questions or to find out more information please feel free to contact the airport directly (406) 646-7631. All pictures provided by Aeronautics Staff.

