

The Ozark Backwoods Challenge

A timed STOL event requiring the participant to depart the main runway, land at three other designated runways, & return to the landing point

Not only will The Challenge test the skills of some of the best pilots and their aircraft, but it also provides the opportunity to exchange their tips, tricks, & knowledge of backwoods flying. Add to it the location in the heart of the beautiful Ozarks, you won't find a more beautiful or demanding flying venue

The competition will be divided into three (3) classes defined by gross weight:

Light Sport (up to 1,320 lbs)

Bush (1,321 lbs - 2,300 lbs)

Touring (2,301 lbs & above or 4 place)

2021 Event Rules

- Only one aircraft will be allowed on the course at a time
- There will be a limited number of participants
- Helmets are required for qualification and competition
- A mandatory briefing will be conducted on each flying day prior to the event
- Takeoff will be a standing start from midfield of the River Runway to the East
- Landing will be required at each of the other three designated runways
- The Restaurant Runway, Grit, & Traveler may be completed in any order
- Each runway task is completed by landing, reversing direction, and taking back off
- There are no mandatory touchdown points and a full stop is not required, except at the finish gate
- All takeoffs and landings must be made within the designated runway boundaries. Ground taxi turn arounds may slightly exceed the boundary if necessary (IE: nosewheel)

- The finish time is determined by crossing the start / finish line on the River Runway
- Timing will be determined by an electric eye at the start / finish line
- A rolling finish is allowed. It is not mandatory that tires be or remain on the ground when passing through the finish line
- Aircraft must be aligned with runway when crossing finish line
- A full stop is required before crossing the stop/DQ Line
- Each participant is allowed two attempts; placement will be determined by the best time
- Elimination runs will determine which competitors will move on to final competition day

Qualification

- Qualification on-site just prior to the event will be required
- Each pilot must demonstrate a takeoff in 500' and a landing to a full stop in 500'
- This designated takeoff / landing area will have an obstacle
- Each participant will have two attempts at this first round of qualification
- The second qualifying event will consist of at least one judge observed practice run of the entire course
- Event judges reserve the right to disqualify a pilot from further qualification and competition if any act deemed unsafe is observed

ArkanSTOL reserves the right to make adjustments to the event rules and qualification criteria based on weather, field conditions or safety concerns.

