

**Flying to Food** – restaurants within walking or Courtesy Car distance of a General Aviation airport. Sorted in order of straight line distance from EQY. Check the websites for current operating hours!

43A (43 nm) – Montgomery County, Star NC - two tried and true suggestions, both within walking distance:

- [Martha's Grill](#). Old service station. Love it, especially for breakfast. Right off the end of the runway, short walk from FBO. Open Mon-Sat 5a-2p, plus on Thu and Fri they stay open 5a-8p. Closed Sunday.
- Sherry's Family Restaurant, 890 S Main Street, Star. 0.6 mile walk from the ramp. Serves breakfast all day! Open 5am-9pm Mon-Sat, Closed Sunday

[Stanton's BBQ and Fish Camp Fly-In Restaurant](#). (50.1 nm) 2300' (with a dogleg in the middle) **Grass** strip near Bennettsville SC. Walk from your airplane across the rural highway to the restaurant. Not on sectional (34.73N 79.67W), need to be current on your short field flying – and you can't take an Aerowood airplane to a grass field without approval from an Aerowood CFI (which you get by taking them there and buying them lunch ☺). Open Thu and Fri 11a-2p and 5p-830p, Sat 11a-830p, Sun 11a-230p. Closed Mon-Wed

EHO (50.1 nm) - Shelby NC. [Flying Pig BBQ](#). Walk down the ramp toward the runway to the path through the grass to the cemetery, open lock (code is "SOCK") and walk thru cemetery and cross road to restaurant. Open Mon-Fri 1030a-730p, Sat 11a-4p, closed Sunday.

BQ1 (61 nm from EQY) - Gilliam-McConnell Airport, home of the [Pik-n-Pig](#). 2500' paved strip with interesting approaches. Park on the grass right in front of the restaurant. Open Tue-Sat 11a-8p, Sun 12n-3p

CUB (65 nm) Columbia SC. [Hunter-Gatherer Brewery & Ale House](#) is on the NE end of the field in the historic Curtiss-Wright Hangar. Walking distance from FBO. Open Wed-Thu 4p-10p, Fri 4p-11p, Sat 11a-11p, Sun 1p-8p.

SPA (66 nm) – Spartanburg SC. 5 minute drive (courtesy car or Uber) the [Beacon Drive-in](#). Serving since 1946!

HKY (67 nm by the time you go around the Class B) – Hickory NC. [Crosswind Café](#). Park on the "restaurant ramp" right in front of the restaurant. Open M-F 8a-3p, Sat 8a-2p. Closed Sun. Also has [Hickory Aviation Museum](#), open Tue-Fri 10a-3p, Sat 10a-5p, Sun 1p-5p.

FQD (69 nm) – Rutherfordton, NC. [57 Alpha Café](#). On the field. Open Tue-Sun 11a-3p

GMU (86 nm) – Greenville SC. Two tried and true suggestions, one on the ramp and one a short walk away:

- [Runway Café](#) – tie down on the "restaurant ramp" right in front of the restaurant. Includes playground for kids and a 20% discount for pilots. Open Sun-Tue 11a-220p, Wed-Thu 11a-230p, 5p-830p, Fri and Sat 11a-830p
- [White Duck Taco Shop](#) – 0.3 mile walk from the ramp. Dining room and expansive outdoor seating. Open Tue-Sat 1130a-9p, Sun 11a-4p, closed Monday

MTV (101 nm) – Blue Ridge Airport, Martinsville VA. [Simply Suzanne's Café](#). Tie down on the “restaurant ramp” right in front of the restaurant. Best burger around and great mountain views without really getting in the middle of the hills! Open 11a-4p Tue-Sun, Closed Mon

CPC (104 nm) – Columbus County, Whiteville, NC. Usually lowest priced 100LL in NC. Get a courtesy car and drive 3.1 mi to [Joe's Barbecue](#).

TDF (110 nm) – Person County, Roxboro NC. Reliable sources (even though they are pilots) tell me that you can get a ride for the 1.4 mi to the [Homestead Steakhouse and Restaurant](#). Open Tue-Thu 5p-9p, Fri 5p-930p, Sun 1130a-830p, closed Monday.

CHS (130 nm) or LRO (134 nm) - Charleston is a nice place to visit but airports aren't that close to town. Love landing at CHS or LRO, getting a courtesy or rental car and going downtown to wander around and eat overlooking the water at [Fleet Landing](#). Open 11a-330p 7 days/week, also Sun-Thu 5p-10p, Fri-Sat 5p-11p, Brunch Sat and Sun 11a-3p. There are lots of seafood restaurants at [Shem Creek](#), which is only 12 miles from LRO.

HNZ (130 nm) - Henderson NC. Fly in, get the courtesy car, and drive 5.2 mi to Main Street in Oxford NC to eat Italian at [Milano's](#). Well worth the short drive! Open Mon-Sat 1030a-930p, Sun 11a-930p

W78 (133 nm)– Tuck Airport, South Boston VA. Call [Ernie's Restaurant](#) and they will come pick you up at the airport.

SUT (142 nm) - Brunswick County, Southport NC. Good seafood restaurants nearby, my favorite is the [Provision Company](#). Open Lunch and Dinner 7 days/week. BUT it is closed Nov-March. Very near is [Fishy Fishy Café](#), both are on the water. They stay open later into the winter AND they have a webcam so you can see what the weather is before you go! You can rent a car through the FBO - though if you just want seafood for lunch you might be able to get the crew car. **BONUS** – beside Fishy Fishy is [Potter's Seafood](#), so pack a cooler and buy fresh fish caught on the NC coast and unloaded from the boat at the adjacent dock.

IXA (166 nm) - Halifax, NC. [The Hen and The Hog](#) is 3.3 miles from IXA, a short drive in the FBO's Crown Vic (former Police cruiser) courtesy car. Tue & Wed 11a-3p, Thu & Fri 11a-3p, then 6p-10p, Sat 6p-10p

LZU (177 nm) – Lawrenceville, GA. The [Flying Machine Restaurant](#) is located on the south end of the field.

MRH (196 nm) – Beaufort, NC. [Roland's BBQ](#) is 1.2 mi from MRH. Hole-in-the wall place with great BBQ. Courtesy car available. Open Tue-Sat 11a-8p. Closed Sun and Mon.

SSI (235 nm) - St Simon's Island, GA. 235 nm from EQY. Get the courtesy car and drive (or you can walk if it's a nice day, only 0.3 mile) to [Southern Soul BBQ](#), featured on [Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives](#). Open Mon-Sat 11a-9p, Sun 11a-6p. Lots of other nice places to eat or stay on the Island.

FFA (250.1 nm) – First Flight, Kitty Hawk NC. **Birthplace of aviation** – where the Wright Brothers flew on Dec 17, 1903. **Every pilot has to make the pilgrimage here.** Land (3000' paved strip, be good at crosswinds), walk over to the Wright Brothers Memorial, then less than a mile walk to [Outer Banks Brewing Company](#). From EQY, fly to TYI then between the restricted areas to FFA. If you need fuel, MQI is 6 miles across the water from FFA. Then you can fly VFR down the coast, just offshore from the Outer Banks, drop in at HSE (Billy Mitchell field at Frisco/Cape Hatteras) and W95 (Ocracoke) and land at MRH. Return inland from there – or you can continue to follow the coast south but you'll have to go offshore to avoid Restricted areas.

We are sure there are others around – if you have a favorite let us know and we'll add it to the list.