



8AK5 Fort Crosby | MSFS 2024

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Thank you for your support!

Thank you for purchasing Fort Crosby! Your support allows me to continue investing my time into these projects, as well as the maintenance of all of my freeware, Emerald Object Library, and of course, everything else expensive that comes with supporting this development hobby.



Product Information

Fort Crosby (8AK5) is a private airstrip located 12.5 nm (23.1 km) to the Northwest of Talkeetna, Alaska. It has a single gravel runway with roughly 1500 ft (457 m) usable, which makes it quite comfortable for most General Aviation aircraft. The only real restriction being on the Northern half of the runway where Dirt and Snow Berms (during the Winter) restrict wingspan and clearance.

Installation

If purchased externally

Unzip the downloaded **.zip** archive.

Make sure that Microsoft Flight Simulator 2024 is not running! Once unzipped, the included "**esd-airport-8ak5-fort-crosby**" folder should be placed into your MSFS 2024 "Packages\Community" folder. The scenery will load the next time you start the sim!

If purchased from Marketplace

Once the addon has finished installing, you may need to restart Microsoft Flight Simulator 2024 in order for the scenery to load and display correctly!

This is the case for *every* addon purchased through Marketplace, whether you are on PC or Xbox.

Requirements

Emerald Object Library (Also available on Marketplace) is required for this scenery to display as intended! Not installing the library will result in most models not showing throughout the scenery. Emerald Object Library is our own in-house collection of static and dynamic models, materials, and VFX which allows us to push fixes for common assets across multiple products at once, as well as keep the required space of our addons to a minimum by eliminating duplicates in each project.



Features

- ❖ A coverage area of 4 nm² (7.4 km²), including multiple custom Cabins and Houses with extra details throughout.
- ❖ All model textures done in PBR, up to 4K resolution.
- ❖ Color-matched aerial imagery at 30cm/px.
- ❖ Digital Elevation Model with hand-crafted terraforming at 2m/px, and fully compatible with ORBX's Alaska Mesh.
- ❖ Custom environmentals including Weeds, Wildflowers, Native Shrubs, 3D Trees, Rocks, and Logs.
- ❖ Custom Gravel and Dirt ground materials with NRM textures for PBR and added detail.
- ❖ Custom Hangar with dynamic features, interior modeling, environmental occluder, and a parking spawn.
- ❖ Custom animated wildlife: Bears, Fox, Moose, & Wild Boar roam the coverage area.
- ❖ Dynamic SFX using Wwise.

Dynamic Features

- ❖ **Animated Hangar Door** – Opens when your aircraft is parked inside of or just in front of the Hangar.
- ❖ **Bears** – Can be found crossing the runway and roaming the scenery. Will go into hibernation when temperatures fall below freezing.
- ❖ **Birds SFX (Downy Woodpecker)** - Audible throughout the scenery from Dawn to Dusk, but not when Rain or Snow is reported. Randomly switches between call and drumming sounds.
- ❖ **Birds SFX (Great Horned Owl)** - Audible near the Hangar at Night, but not when Rain or Snow is reported.
- ❖ **Birds SFX (Junco & Fox Sparrow)** - Audible throughout the scenery from Dawn to Dusk, but not when Rain or Snow is reported.
- ❖ **Butterflies** – Visible around flowers from May through September. Includes 4 different Alaska native variations! Will not show when Rain or Snow is reported.
- ❖ **Clock** – Located on the back wall of the Hangar. Fully functional based on local sim time and plays ticking SFX (Wwise).
- ❖ **Improved Lighting** – Hangar lighting is functional from Dusk-Dawn and while Raining or Snowing.
- ❖ **Fox** - Roams around the airstrip. Will call roughly every 6 minutes.
- ❖ **Morel Mushrooms** – Pop up around the airstrip from May to July. Commonly found around Rocks and Logs.
- ❖ **Rain Puddles** – Appear when Rain has been reported in the area.
- ❖ **Roof Snow & Icicles** – 3D Snow & Icicles will appear on the Hangar Roof when snow depth has been reported on the ground.
- ❖ **Snow Berms** – Snow Berms will appear around the runway when snow depth has been reported on the ground.
- ❖ **VFX** – Smoke and Campfire VFX will appear throughout the scenery once temperatures fall to 50°F (10°C) or below.

NOTAMs

We try our best to keep a running list of known issues involving sim limitations and 3rd party conflicts when discovered. When possible, fixing these issues are our top priority. However, they may not be immediately solvable due to limitations.

1. **Dynamic Features In Avatar Mode**

[Sim Bug - Reported] It is a known issue that dynamic features present in the scenery, such as roof snow, snow berms, hangar lighting, and ambient SFX, do not trigger correctly if conditions change while in Avatar camera mode. All other aircraft cameras will allow the features to update correctly.

Credits & Support

Fort Crosby designed by Chris "Rotornut44" of Emerald Scenery Design.

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Get in contact!

<https://emeraldscenerydesign.com/support/>

Join the Discord!

Join me on Discord using the link above! My Discord is the first to know of any upcoming projects, previews, and insider information!

Product Support

Product support is provided via **Discord** or the **contact page** above.

Please refrain from posting support queries in forum threads or PMs! It makes it hard to keep track of who asked what and where. Using the official support channels will always get you the fastest support!

Beta Team

A very special thanks to those who helped test this scenery!

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Change Log

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- Fixed Clock Wwise sounds emitting from Hangar origin.
 - Fixed flickering water puddles near Hangar.
 - Fixed hangar light emissives too dim during the day.
 - Fixed Wwise sounds being highly dominant in one ear depending on where the emitter is located in 3D space (hard panning).
 - Removed deprecated DistanceToNotAnimate tag in SimObjects.
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v1.0.1 | May 15, 2025

- Fixed Hangar Roof Snow LOD2 always visible.
 - Fixed Apron texture UV offset changes introduced in SU2.
 - Fixes for improved water accuracy in SU2.
 - Removed autogen excludes from a few aprons.
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v1.0.0 | March 21, 2025

- Initial Release for MSFS 2024.

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