

PPD-1 Skagway Area

Map

Goat Lake PP01 - Float Planes start at Haines SPB (3Z9). Helicopters start at PAHN. Set PP01 as your "GO TO" waypoint on the GPS. Fly into the Lynn Canal and into the Taiya Inlet to Skagway. Turn to port and follow the Skagway River 6 miles to PP01.



Helicopter - By Klaus Troeppner

1. Start at PAHN Haines. The airport offers several helipads.
2. Set GPS for PP01 Goat Lake Hydro. Lift off and after passing the town of Haines, set your course heading north and follow the Taiya Inlet to Skagway.
3. Leaving Skagway behind follow the White Pass along the White Pass Railroad. Be aware of reduced maneuverability while following the pass and set airspeed to max. 80-90 knots, altitude about 1000 ft above ground.
4. After two miles the hydro plant comes into sight just right beside the railroad. Reduce airspeed to 50-60 knots and start your approach with the railroad as visual reference. Watch out for tall trees around the site. Also fog is a known condition there.
5. Stop in a hover about 50 feet above the railroad next to the hydro plant. Then hover turn for 90 degrees to the right and you will see the helipad below in 12 o'clock position.
6. Descent slowly while hover taxiing to the concrete helipad and touch down. Watch out for tall obstacles at the site.
7. Lift off again. Hover and slightly climb in a backward hover taxi till your heli is straight over the railroad again. Then turn for 90 degrees to the right and accelerate into translational lift.
8. Climb while following the White Pass heading to Skagway. When almost reaching the top of the mountains turn right for 180 degrees and fly back to the hydro site.
9. A few hundred feet above the hydro plant you will now have the Goat Lake and the dam construction to the right in sight.
10. Start your approach at about 60 knots airspeed on the helipad located about 100 ft in front of the dam.
11. Touch down on the helipad. Watch out for loose construction materials around the helipad.
12. For leaving the dam site again, lift off and adjust forward flight into translational lift. Turn slight to the left and follow the Goat Lake till airspeed is about 60-80 kts.
13. Turn left in a moderate bank turn for 180 degrees. After leaving the turn you follow again the White Pass to Skagway. Land at PAGY or TEMSCO heliport and finish your flight.



Float Plane - By Doug Linn

1. Set the GPS for "PP01" (Goat Lake Hydro). Start at 3Z9 (Haines, AK SPB)
 2. Take off on about a 0° bearing heading for 5 NM. Suggested Altitude 1200 Feet Starting in the Chilkoot Channel and heading for the Taiya Inlet that you will follow all the way to Skagway, AK ... distance to Skagway, 15 NM.
 3. You will turn to starboard into the East Fork of the Skagway River.
 4. Weather permitting, raise altitude to 3000 feet (the landing zone is at 2919 feet)
 5. Six miles from the Skagway Airport, watch for a zigzagging road to the starboard of the railroad track. Turn to starboard and follow the road to Goat Lake.
 6. You should fly over the dam at Goat Lake. A hard turn to port will then line you up on the lake for a landing.
- VIEWING TIP: (GTA=S Helipad). You can view the plant, not accessible by float plane. Slew around and enjoy the location. When finished use (GTA=PP01/33 water) to return to the reservoir dam dock.

