



Elliot Fire Base at Bowser Lake (Refreshed V2.1-01.04.2019)



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Airport Name/ICAO: Bowser Lake Airstrip (PF06)

Elliot Firebase Cabin: Start: N56 25.2046 ... W129 43.3848 ... Mag 183.6 – Water

Bowser Lake Cabin: Start: N56 25.21 ... W129 43.38 ... Mag: 4.5 – Land

Proximity: Bowser Lake BC: 30 nm NNE of Stewart BC (CZST)

This scenery actually contains four scenery locations all of which are in close proximity of Bowser Lake BC. There's the Bowser Lake Airstrip (PF06) and Elliot Fire Base HQ at this Airstrip, the Fire Base crew cabin location on the nearby Bowser Lake shoreline, the fire spotter tower location high above on a nearby mountain top and the Bowser Lake Cabin. There are two helicopter landing areas. One at the mountain top fire watch location and one at the Elliot Fire Base HQ.

Each day during the time of year when fires are most likely to be a threat, this airstrip comes alive. Elliot Fire Base is a short flight from Stewart (CZST) and is situated at the Bowser Lake Airstrip (PF06). All firefighting efforts in the region are coordinated from here. There are two helicopters that are based here and their pilots are on call during the day to coordinate fire watch alerts. There are also two forestry service spotters on call and they share a nearby lakeshore cabin with the two chopper pilots. The cabin is close enough that the crew can quickly reach the airstrip when a fire is reported.

Each morning, one of the spotters is flown up to the fire tower on a nearby mountaintop. They spend their day sitting high above in the tower, looking for telltale signs of any fires. The pilots also ferry supplies to and from the outpost and to any forest fire crews that need them in the area. Local firefighting crews that are needed to be flown into hard to reach landing zones are first flown into the airstrip by small plane. Then they jump into choppers and are flown out to battle the fires. A small supply depot is located at the airstrip so equipment and gear can be reached quickly when needed. Inside the hangar, is a modified version of a Lake Renegade amphibious aircraft. It's fire fighting modifications allow it to skim across a lake surface and pull in enough water to help with fire suppressant and containment activities.



Bowser Fire Watch Tower

The Bowser Fire Watch Tower is located at the top of a mountain near the Elliot Fire Base Headquarters at Bowser Lake. Overlooking nearly 300 miles of pristine forests in the Cassiar Lake District, this tower keeps a watch out for any fires that start and alerts firefighting personnel at the nearby base of Stewart and Elliot Fire Base. Each day during the threat season, a forestry service spotter is flown to the tower from the Bowser Lake Airstrip. Once they arrive, they keep a look out from the tower for any distant signs of smoke. They can also help coordinate operations from this position for any fires in the region.



Bowser Lake Cabin - Start: N56 25.21 ... W129 43.38 ... Mag: 4.5 - Land

Located on a small island on the far Western shore of Bowser lake, this cabin is open for visitors all year long. Built on stilts in 1954, it is showing its age along with its twin cabin which is operated by the forestry service. The twin cabin is just south on the same shoreline. Visitors here in the winter enjoy ice fishing and hunting along with hiking, mountain climbing and other winter sports activities. The cabin has a float plane dock only open during the spring, summer and early fall seasons. In the winter, this lake has the tendency to freeze over making only ski plane operations here possible. The nearby gravel airstrip of Bowser Lake is only a short hike away for the daring. Just be sure to take precautions for bears here. They frequent the river delta that feeds into Bowser Lake and chances are very good that you'll see some here.

NOTE: You should easily be able to locate this cabin by flying to the nearby gravel airstrip named "Bowser Lake" (PF06). It's just East of the airstrip and this cabin is the northernmost of the two twin cabins you'll find on the edge of the lake.



Elliot Firebase Cabin - Start: N56 25.2046 ... W129 43.3848 ... Mag 183.6 – Water

The Elliot Firebase Cabin is used by forestry service personnel and fire watch crews during the time of year when forest fires are more of a threat. This cabin is where the spotters and helicopter pilots stay when they are on call. They can fish, hike and enjoy the great outdoors when they aren't on call and the cabin provides enough sleeping space for six people. There's a full kitchen and fireplace to keep all crew members comfortable during their time at the cabin.



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