

# Wandering Lakes Lodge and 51Z

This is a fictitious lodge in the Minto, AK area. We have enhanced Minto Airport 51Z, added roads to connect to the community and to the new lodge. This airport was simply a runway and an apron that looked like a runway. We adjusted the “stock” airport, adding lighting, altering the apron and adding a ramp and parking area. There is fuel available.



The lodge is about 3 miles away on the “wandering lakes.” It consists of a large main structure and 7 small cabins around the coast of the peninsula upon which it is situated. You can land a float plane easily near the lodge and there is a dock for boats and floats. (If you have “frozen” turned on in your sim, there will be ice in winter).

Minto is in the western part of traditional Tanana Athabaskan territory. During the late 1800s, some members of the nomadic Minto band traveled to Tanana, Rampart and Fort Yukon to trade furs for manufactured goods, tea and flour. After gold was discovered north of Fairbanks in 1902, steamboats began to travel on the Tanana River, bringing goods and people into the area. Old Minto, on the banks of the Tanana River, became a permanent settlement when some members of the Minto band built log cabins there. Other families lived there seasonally in tents. A school was established in 1937, but most families still did not live in Minto year-round until the 1950s. The people from the Minto band were eventually joined by families from Nenana, Toklat, Crossjacket and Chena.



Minto was relocated in 1969, due to repeated flooding and erosion. The present site is 65 km (40 mi) north of the old site. The new site had been used as a fall and winter camp since the early 1900s. New housing and a new school were completed by 1971.

The Old Minto Family Recovery Camp is a rustic treatment center operated by the Tanana Chiefs Conference relocated away from the old river edge village site. A residential program, it incorporates daily group and individual counseling for drug and alcohol addictions with traditional lifestyle activities and Athabaskan cultural immersion. The old village site is used for seasonal celebrations including by the Cultural Heritage and Education Institute which provides curriculum elements in the school at New Minto.

**The best way to enjoy this scenery is to fly to it from some airport along the “INTERIOR” segment of the pipeline ... those airports would be:**

**PF59 Chatanika  
4AKL Livingood Camp  
PF60 Hess Creek  
PF63 Cursed Hills**

**The “start” for the lodge (ice/water) is: N65° 8.6355' - W149° 20.9665' – Heading 82.7. This will put you at the pier of the lodge.**

**It is possible to “drive” from the lodge into the town or to the airport, or to the Brad's BBQ at a major road intersection. Watch out for other vehicles along the way!**

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### **DESIGNER CREDITS**

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### **REQUIRED SCENERY**

This scenery requires ORBX Global/Vector to work properly. This was created for the BWEP pipeline project. Having the pipeline scenery will enhance this location for you.

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### **INSTALLATION**

Unzip the file to a temporary folder.

Place this scenery areas main folder and it's sub level folder named "Scenery" and all files in that folder into your FSX/P3D "Addon Scenery" folder.

Start up FSX or P3D

Go to "Settings"

Then to "Scenery Library"

Click on "Add Area"

Click on "Addon Scenery"

Locate the newly installed folder for this package you just moved into your "Addon Scenery" folder of FSX/P3D

Click on the main folder only. You do NOT need to open the "scenery" folder.

Then click on "OK"

And then "OK" again.

FSX/P3D should begin to recompile your scenery library.

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### **OBJECT LIBRARY**

Be sure you have downloaded the latest BWEP Object Library found on the BWEP page or on the Object Library Page. Dated at or later than 11.21.2016.

The flight plan is located in RTMM Flight Plans.zip that you can download from the Here2There page.

"To Lodge at Black Rapids from Fairbanks.pln" It's a VFR flight plan to the location up over Valdez Glacier from Valdez. Then you can call this up in FSX using the flight planner and have a flight plan on the aircraft GPS to help guide you to this destination. That's it.

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## **DOCUMENTATION**

READ ALL OF THE INSTALLATION FILES IN EACH OF THE INCLUDED ZIP FILES WE PRODUCE. THEY ARE NOT ALWAYS GOING TO BE THE SAME!!

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