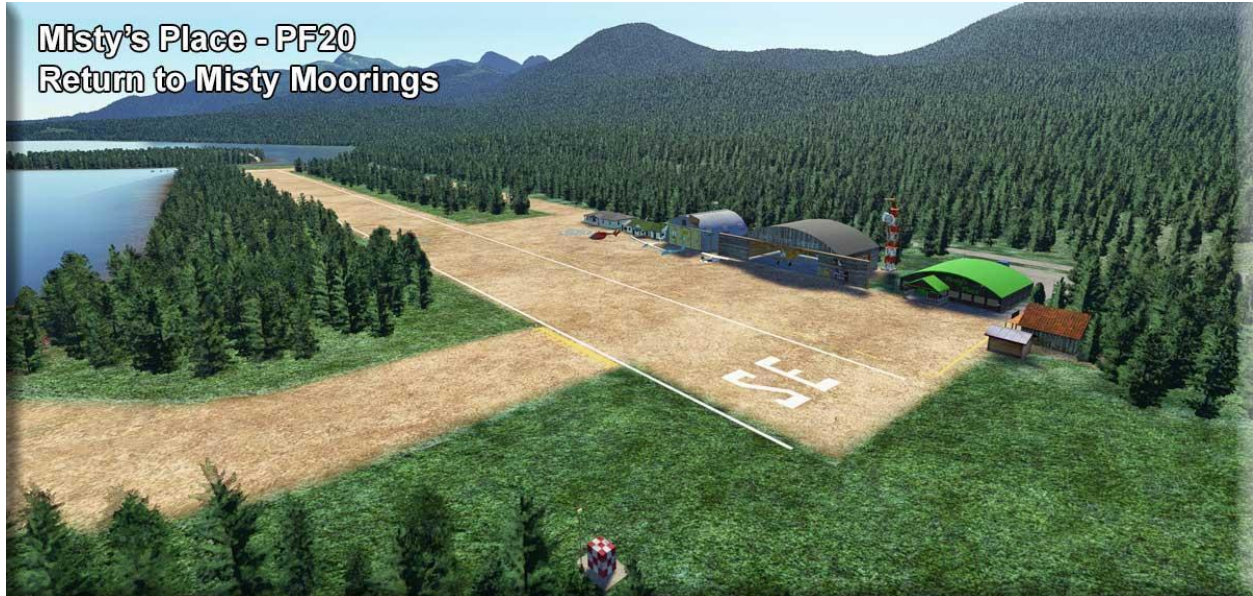


Misty's Place 2023 - V2.0+

An FS2020 Scenery from Return to Misty Moorings (RTMM)



Welcome to the Microsoft Flight Simulator 2020 version of Misty's Place. This was one of Brad Allen's first locations with Return to Misty Moorings. It didn't take long after the introduction of FS2020, in August of 2020, for us to realize that all of our favorite Misty Moorings locations were going to have to be rebuilt from the ground up. For years, we'd had a "home base" at Brad Allen's beautifully-rendered Misty's Place, and we knew that the most important place to begin our new scenery endeavor was right at that same home base, in the same place, right where you expect it to be. Even though we're working with new tools and new technology, this is sacred ground. So, In April of 2021, Kurt (Yoda) Kalbfleisch joined the RTMM team and began building Misty's Place for the new sim using the P3D version as a guide. It was Kurt's first scenery development effort and he did a great job using the fledgling FS2020 tools then available!

In 2023, Asobo changed their terrain polygon package and the FS2020 version 1 of Misty's Place, built by Kurt in 2021, was broken beyond repair. So we made a new Misty's Place Airport, our 2023 version 2. Doug Linn rendered this version trying to maintain many of the original features but building it upon a new landscape. Once again, PF20, Misty's Place Airport is operational for RTMM's followers.

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THE STORYLINE: THE MYTHICAL BACKGROUND OF MISTY'S PLACE

One summer in the late 60's, a young woman named Misty came to visit Alaska with her husband and their daughter. Though they only stayed a short while, they fell in love with Ketchikan and its dazzling natural beauty. When the time came to return to their life in the lower 48, Misty made her husband promise that they'd return someday. 2 Copyright 2021 by Return to Misty Moorings. All Rights Reserved. Misty's husband, Cliff, was an Air Force pilot, and it wasn't long before he was sent back to the war in Southeast Asia. Cliff flew the A-1 "Skyraider," an aircraft that many people had never even heard of. Of course, Misty knew that it was old, flew close to the ground, and had some crazy nicknames like "Spad", "Sandy" and "Zorro". She also knew that her man was a great pilot, with one of the hardest jobs in any cockpit during the war: close air support for search and rescue missions in hostile territory. She understood that his work was especially dangerous, and the thing she feared most was opening her front door to find the chaplain and his assistant in their dress blues.

And then it happened.

While her daughter, Mindy, played upstairs, Misty sat in her living room, listening silently as the chaplain told her that Cliff was missing in action. He said that Cliff had been shot down during a "Sandy" mission that originated at Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base. "NKP" was the hub of all Air Force A-1 missions and his aircraft hadn't returned to base. Cliff's wingman made it back to base and reported heavy contact with the enemy. He heard Cliff call out a "Mayday" but never saw a parachute. Several attempts were made to locate the missing pilot but only the wreckage was spotted. Was he killed in the crash? Or had he survived and been captured by the enemy? The Air Force didn't have a clue.

Misty took the news hard. She held out hope for good news, but it never came. After the war ended in 1975, she and Mindy left their small home near the base and headed back to Ketchikan. With what little savings she had, and the balance of her late husband's estate, Misty bought a small piece of land at the mouth of Bostwick Creek on Gravina Island. It was nothing but grass and trees, but Misty had a vision: to create a place of happiness and camaraderie. They broke ground in the summer of 1976.

Misty worked tirelessly for the next year. She cleared out some of the land and made a small dirt airstrip along the water's edge. She built a cottage for visitors, and before long, a friend named Joe came along and helped her build a cozy little bar and grill, which Mindy named, appropriately, "Misty's Place." Joe helped out around the property and did most of the construction on a secondhand, Quonset-style hangar where he'd sometimes repair an airplane or two. Word spread around the Ketchikan area of a new place where pilots were welcome to stay for a small fee, as long as they helped Misty around the place.

A lot of pilots came and went, and the reputation of the "Nice Lady" with the beautiful smile spread. Joe's repair business helped fund a bigger hangar, and once that was finished, his repair business started operating full-time. When Misty started selling fuel, quite a few of the local pilots interested in this tiny hangout began to base their "bush" operations there.

These days, Joe takes care of maintenance and groundskeeping. Mindy handles operations from the radio to refueling, and her husband, an ex-Air Force aircraft mechanic and a great pilot in his own right, runs the airframe and powerplant repair shop. Last year, their daughter won a STOL competition in a SuperCub she rebuilt with her dad. They hired another mechanic fresh out of the Navy, and while nobody's sure about the guy, he has a rare gift for finding impossible-to-get parts.

Misty mostly tends bar and works the grill. Every now and then, when she thinks no one's looking, you might catch her kissing her fingertips and pressing them to the picture of the smiling, young Skyraider pilot that hangs behind the bar.

It's not an easy life in the Alaskan backcountry, and while Misty wouldn't have chosen the path that led her here, she's happy with how it's all worked out. Just last week, as she watched her granddaughter swing a prop for a visiting pilot, she realized that this little community will live on after she's gone.

Of course, it'll always be "Misty's Place."

THE LIGHTHOUSE



There has been a lighthouse at Misty's Place Airport for many years. Although there is no geological reason for having a lighthouse protecting the sailor from the rocky shoreline, the Misty Lighthouse is of a different nature. This is your guiding light back. With FS2020, like never before, you can now wander the world visiting all of the exotic places we have always dreamed of visiting. But in this virtual world, there is one light that will always be on for you. No matter how far you may travel, the lighthouse beacon at Misty's Place will be on for you ... your guiding light for your inevitable Return to Misty Moorings. Welcome home!

INSTALLING MISTY'S PLACE 2023

NOTE: Ensure you have installed all FS2020 World Updates and RTMM's required object libraries (all parts) and other supporting packages. Please reference the "Express and Manual Download Setups" section found by using this link:

https://return.mistymoorings.com/z20_homepage/index.php

NIGHT LIGHTING



Some of the most magical times at a remote facility are the “darker hours.” When the evening magical hour arrives, the colors are perfect for showing off this beautiful area of Misty Fjords. Our night lighting comes on near sunset, lasts throughout the darkest hours, then turns off after sunrise. You will be able to find your way around the complex easily.

MISTY’S PLACE ARRIVAL METHODS

There is a road that connects Misty’s Place to the Ketchikan International Airport PAKT, and of course, that connects to the ferry system for Ketchikan and the airport. This is one way for people to arrive at Misty’s Place. The second way to arrive is by helicopter or airplane. Misty’s Place, PF20, can accommodate float planes, amphibians, and wheel-based fixed-wing aircraft. There are two amphibian ramps that allow an amphibian to transfer from water to land and back. The third way to arrive at Misty’s Place is by boat. There is an extensive dock system at the lighthouse complex on Misty Island. There are also 2 docks parallel to the NW/SE runway.



MAP OVERVIEW MISTY'S PLACE PF20



SPECIAL FEATURES OF MISTY'S PLACE 2023

1. Seaplane Docks: There are three areas for seaplanes to dock. The first one is the Medical Dock (Dock 1), which is parallel to the NW/SE runway and opposite the Medical Center. The second dock is on the water near the SE end of the runway, Dock 2. And Dock 3 is at the marina complex at the Lighthouse Area of Misty's Island.
2. The fuel station is located near the little general store on the NW corner of the airport. You can start a flight there by selecting FUEL BOX as the parking slot.
3. The Misty's Place complex consists of a lighthouse area, Misty's new house beside the lighthouse, Misty's Place Bar and Grill, the 2 hangars, a medical trauma center, and an operations office. There are several cabins to rent on Misty's Island.
4. There are two helipads for our helicopter pilots. One is in front of the Medical Center and the second is on the marina dock at the Lighthouse Complex on Misty Island.
5. There is a special memorial site for Guy "Spud" Maricich. Spud was a dedicated RTMM team member and this is our way of remembering all his contributions, located at the second right turn off leaving the lighthouse.
6. The parking lot at Misty's Place will "change" car configurations each time you reload Misty's Place.
7. There are streetlights lighting the highway all the way from the Lighthouse on Misty's Island to Ketchikan International Airport.
8. There is a 30-meter-wide water runway (NW/SE Water) that runs just offshore from PF20.. Notam: the PF21 airport that used to be Misty's Seaplane Base has been discontinued in this new combined edition).
9. Nav aids added: NDB at 220, morse code is "MP". The calling frequency, CTAF is 122.9.

NOTAMS: KNOWN ISSUES WITH THE MISTY'S PLACE 2023 COMPLEX

1. All water-related problems we were encountering with the 2021 V1 version are now solved with this new addition. The new amphibian ramps are smooth and there is no “dragging” of water rudders or pontoons with the new configuration.
2. The surrounding forest will eventually have some “patches” of open area to break up the forest textures. At the time of this release, Asobo’s ground polygon creation facility is not functioning properly. We hope to update this feature in a future update.
3. The seaplane landing area is no longer marked with lighted buoys. This was intentional. The USCG and ICAO recommend against marking seaplane landing areas except in high-traffic areas (such as Ketchikan Harbor) as doing so unnecessarily restricts seaplane operations.
4. The new terrain at the location we are using has caused us to make some overall changes in the PF20 complex. We hope you will enjoy new “feel” of PF20 and that you will find it much easier to use.

SUMMARY

Welcome to Misty's Place 2023, our renovated “home”. Now join us at the newly designed and re-decorated Misty's Place Bar at PF20 V2 and Grill and join us on the FORUM to discuss Misty's Place or anything else that comes to mind. Thank you for being a part of Return to Misty Moorings.

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