

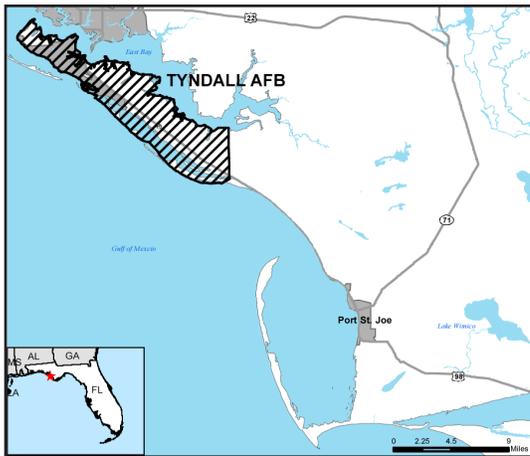


U.S. AIR FORCE :

# TYNDALL AFB : FLORIDA



**T**yndall Air Force Base (AFB) is part of a complex of installations, ranges, military operating areas, and airspace in Northwest Florida and the Gulf of Mexico and is essential to maintaining U.S. air dominance with its contingent of F-22 Raptors, the largest in the Department. The Tyndall AFB airspace will also see an increase in operations by F-35s, including those stationed at nearby Eglin AFB. This airspace connects to the vast Gulf of Mexico Water



Ranges that span from Tyndall to Key West and overlays mostly undeveloped lands, offering a unique locational asset.

Given Tyndall’s easy access to range assets and its heavy use, with 250 training days a year, the Air Force is working to protect and maintain the unencumbered nature of its mission footprint. This includes

protecting agricultural land, wetlands, and other coastal areas within high noise zones, the runway approach-departure corridor, and the base boundary, along with preventing tall structures in sections of Tyndall’s operating area used for low-level flights. Protecting these areas allows Tyndall to fully utilize unique training capabilities, such as a Precision Approach Radar system for pilots to train to land in bad weather or with a damaged aircraft, or testing air-to-air missile capabilities.

The REPI partnership at Tyndall AFB has numerous mission benefits as well as environmental benefits. Tyndall AFB’s partners are adding to the Northwest Florida Greenway, a wildlife corridor of conservation lands stretching from Eglin AFB through the Apalachicola National Forest to the Gulf of Mexico. This regional effort will also leverage a variety of federal and state funding sources, including the Longleaf Stewardship Fund, Gulf RESTORE Act, and Florida Forever.

## BENEFIT SUMMARY

### COMMUNITY

- Supports a designated green wildlife corridor
- Protects agricultural land, wetlands, and other coastal areas
- Encourages coordination among federal, state, and local partners

### MILITARY

- Ensures that existing compatible areas remain compatible
- Protects aviation maneuver capabilities
- Promotes continued operational safety



Tyndall AFB’s location and access to Gulf of Mexico operating areas allows aviators to utilize unique capabilities, such as realistic aerial target practice against unmanned QF-16 drone jets (top). An F-22 takes off from Tyndall AFB to use this capability and evaluate air-to-air weapons systems (bottom).

## KEY PARTNERS

- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- The Nature Conservancy

## FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2019

- » Acres preserved: **0**
- » Transactions conducted: **0**
- » Total funds expended: **\$0**
- » Project status: **Initiated**

## CONTACT

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