

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location

Mana Pools National Park, Zimbabwe

PRIMARY AIRSTRIP: FVEM – Mana West

GPS Coordinates

15°50'00" E029°10'00"

ALTERNATE AIRSTRIP: FVMN – Mana Pools

GPS Coordinates

S15°45'56" E029°23'08"



PRIMARY AIRSTrip:

FVEM – Mana West

- **Runway Orientation:** 14/32
- **Length:** 1,000m
- **Surface:** Gravel
- **Elevation:** 1,232ft
- **Coordinates:** S15°50'00" E029°10'00"
- **Radio Frequency:** 118.7 MHz (self-announced)
- **Distance to Camp:** 10-minute drive
- **Condition:** Well-maintained but subject to seasonal changes – this runway temporarily closes when wet, so pilots should confirm its status with Mana Sands prior to departure.

ALTERNATE AIRSTrip:

FVMN – Mana Pools

- **Runway Orientation:** 09/27
- **Length:** 1,100m
- **Surface:** Gravel
- **Elevation:** 1,300ft
- **Coordinates:** S15°45'56" E029°23'08"
- **Radio Frequency:** 118.7 MHz (self-announced)
- **Distance to Camp:** 2-hour scenic drive
- **Condition:** More weather-resilient than FVEM, but still subject to seasonal changes – confirm prior to departure.

FLIGHT & ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

- All arrivals and departures are self-announced on 118.7 MHz.
- Confirm landing strip choice with Mana Sands in advance to arrange ground transfers.
- Prior Permission Required (PPR) for both runways – contact Mana Sands to arrange.
- Flight plans must be filed with Zimbabwe CAA before departure.
- No refuelling facilities available in Mana Pools – plan fuel stops accordingly.

REFUELLING INFORMATION

Nearest Refuelling Point: Kariba (FVKB)

- Distance from Mana West (FVEM): 44nm
- Distance from Mana Pools (FVMN): 54nm

Fuel Availability: AvGas usually available — pilots should confirm fuel stock prior to departure.

TRANSFERS TO MANA SANDS

Mana West (FVEM): A quick 10-minute transfer to camp.

Mana Pools (FVMN): A 1-hour scenic game drive to camp; used as a wet weather alternate.

FAQS

SELF-FLY TO MANA SANDS

Which airstrip should I use?

- **FVEM (Mana West)** is our preferred airstrip as it is only **5 minutes from camp**. However, it temporarily **closes when wet**, so pilots must **confirm its status before departure**.
- **FVMN (Mana Pools)** is our **wet weather alternate** and normally remains open when FVEM is unavailable. It is a **1-hour drive from camp**.

Do I need Prior Permission before landing?

Yes, all landings are **PPR**, which must be arranged **in advance** through Mana Sands.

Do I need a flight plan?

Yes, all domestic and private flights in Zimbabwe must have an **approved flight plan filed with CAA Zimbabwe**.

What are the landing conditions like?

The airstrip is a **gravel/dirt runway**, generally well-maintained, but subject to **seasonal variations**. Wet conditions may affect usability – **confirm conditions with us before your flight**.

What is the radio frequency for unmanned fields in Zimbabwe?

Both airstrips are unmanned, and pilots must self-announce on 118.7 MHz when approaching, landing, and departing.

Is fuel available at either airstrip?

No, there are no refueling facilities at either Mana West or Mana Pools.

Pilots must plan refueling stops accordingly. Kariba Airport (FVKB) is the closest refueling point with AvGas usually available. Distance from Mana West (FVEM): 44nm Distance from Mana Pools (FVMN): 54nm Pilots should confirm fuel availability before departure.

How do I check the runway conditions before flying?

As **FVEM may close when wet**, pilots should contact Mana Sands in advance for an up-to-date report on the airstrip conditions.

Can I park my aircraft at the airstrip?

Yes, but parking is limited and at the owner's risk as the area is unfenced.

Is there mobile reception or WiFi at the airstrip?

No. There is no mobile reception at either airstrip, but Mana Sands staff will be on standby for arrivals if an ETA is provided and confirmed.

Is there a landing fee?

Yes. Landing fees apply and must be paid in advance. Fees are managed by the Zimbabwe Parks & Wildlife Management Authority. Contact us to facilitate payments.



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