



Hobbs Industrial Airpark

The Hobbs Industrial Airpark is now a privately owned airfield and used primarily for glider activity. It is located five miles northwest of the City of Hobbs, New Mexico.

The airport was initially the Hobbs Army Airfield, established in 1942, and one of hundreds of military airfields constructed as the United States entered into World War II. The airfield began operations with the training of bombardiers and later began a four engine school training pilots for the B-17 Bomber. The school was part of the U. S. Army Air Forces 50,000 pilot training program and as many as 162 B-17 Super Fortress aircraft were stationed at the Hobbs Army Airfield. Operations were wound down in 1945 as the war ended and the base was closed in 1948 with ownership being transferred to the City of Hobbs.

During the 1950's a housing project and golf course were built on the grounds and the airfield itself was reopened by the early 1960's as the Hobbs Municipal Airport. By the late 1960's an effort was made to build the airfield into an industrial park and recreation area. The airport was renamed to Crossroads Intercontinental Airport by 1970 and again to the Hobbs Industrial Airpark by 1974. Two of the four runways were decommissioned, one of them converted to a drag racing strip. During the 1980's, the Harry McAdams State Park had opened on the airfield grounds and the Soaring Society of America came to the airpark for glider activity. By the late 1980's, the airfield was listed in the Official Airline Guide (OAG) under the code HBB however no commercial air service came to the airport. In 1990, the airfield went under private ownership and the name was shortened to Industrial Airpark as it is today. Most commercial and general aviation at Hobbs is conducted through the Lea County Regional Airport five miles to the south. This airport is further detailed under the Commercial Airports link.



The Hobbs Army Airfield in full operation during World War II in 1943.



Signs on site indicating the Hobbs Army Airfield. The upper photo of the Official Historic Marker incorrectly states that the base was renamed to Hobbs Industrial Airpark in 2003 when infact the renaming occurred in the early 1970's.



The main ramp of the Hobbs Army Airfield in 2024 that once saw as many as 162 B-17 Super Fortress bombers 80 years prior.



A closed runway at the Hobbs Army Airfield now marked with an X. This would have been runway 17 looking south.



Aerial view of the Hobbs Industrial Airpark today. The diagonal runway parallel to the main ramp is still in use but the airport is now under private ownership. The Ocotillo Golf Course and Harry McAdams State Park are in the middle right.