

I'm from the Cleveland area and have usually used it as my base for flight simming. Flying to Cedar Point always seemed like an exciting idea, but MSFS doesn't have anything other than a few towers there. I've never done much with add on scenery, I haven't found free addons for this area in my brief search, and I don't have the skills to make my own.

You and two of your buddies from the Air Force Research Labs are taking advantage of the long Labor Day weekend with a trip along the Lake Erie shore. Friday evening you all fly to Burke Lakefront Airport (<http://flightaware.com/resources/airport/KBKL/map>) and prep for a full Saturday at the Cleveland Airshow. Sunday's plan is to wake early before the airport is closed for the airshow and head west to Griffing Sandusky Airport (<http://flightaware.com/resources/airport/KBKL/map>) for a day at Cedar Point.

The flight starts on the ramp with static display aircraft for the airshow in place. The weather is set appropriately (<http://www.wunderground.com/history/airport/KBKL/2009/9/6/DailyHistory.html?MR=1>) and it's about 7am.

Leo: This flight is a simple one. I've done it many times, and I'll let you handle it this time. We just need to head west along the coast for about 20 minutes. The airport is on the water just past a long strip of land just wide enough for a road and cottages on one side. Call the tower for clearance when you are ready.

Paul: And go easy with the yoke. The only excitement I want today is on roller coasters.

Pop up appears to call the tower for clearance.

You: [request VFR takeoff]

Tower: [taxi clearance] This will be best for 24L or 24R to take off over the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Cleveland Browns Stadium.

Taxi and hold short. If you enter the runway, you fail. Since it is the airshow weekend, there can be some interesting traffic around.

Tower: [Take off clearance]

Passing the mouth of Rocky River (north of Cleveland Hopkins Airport)...

Leo: There's the mouth of Rocky River. The river makes a valley that is part of the Cleveland Metroparks system and is center of outdoor activities in this area of greater Cleveland.

At some point along the way to break up the flight...

Leo: The Lake Erie shore and most of northwest Ohio was under an ancient lake. The changes in water levels created sandy beaches. Away from the shore, the region has poor drainage and is called the Great Black Swamp.

Land and Taxi

Day at Park. Maybe some roller coaster ride sound effects. Cotton candy award

Switch to late twilight.

Paul: That was quite a day. I'm feeling energized for some more fun. We fly over to Windsor (<http://flightaware.com/resources/airport/CYQG/summary>) for some gambling.

Leo: We could make the hop over to Kelleys Island (<http://flightaware.com/resources/airport/89D/summary>). My uncle has a place over there and this is a big party weekend for the island. Or we could head back to Cleveland for a relaxing Labor Day Monday.

If you decide on the Windsor flight

Paul: The flight will last about 40 minutes. Take off and head northwest to find the Detroit River. Follow the river north and the airport will be on our right.

After Landing

Paul: Welcome to Canada, Eh. Lets get through customs so that we can hit the tables.[casino sound effects, poker chips award]

If you decide to go to Kelleys Island

Leo: This flight will be very short. Head north after take off. You will see a narrow peninsula, then a wide one, and then the island. Don't confuse it with the Bass Islands to the north west or with Pelee Island farther north

After Landing

Taxi to parking and I'll call up my uncle to get a ride. [Party sound effects and pint of beer reward]

If you decide to go back to Cleveland

Leo: You know the way...

As you approach Cleveland there's fire on the Cuyahoga River

Paul: Is the river burning?

Leo: It sure looks like it. It was so polluted that it burned 40 years ago, but it has been cleaned up since then.

Paul: There there's something really really wrong here.

Leo: Whatever is going on, we should stay clear. Lets stay well north of the situation and land on 24L or 24R.

After Landing

Burning River Photo Reward.