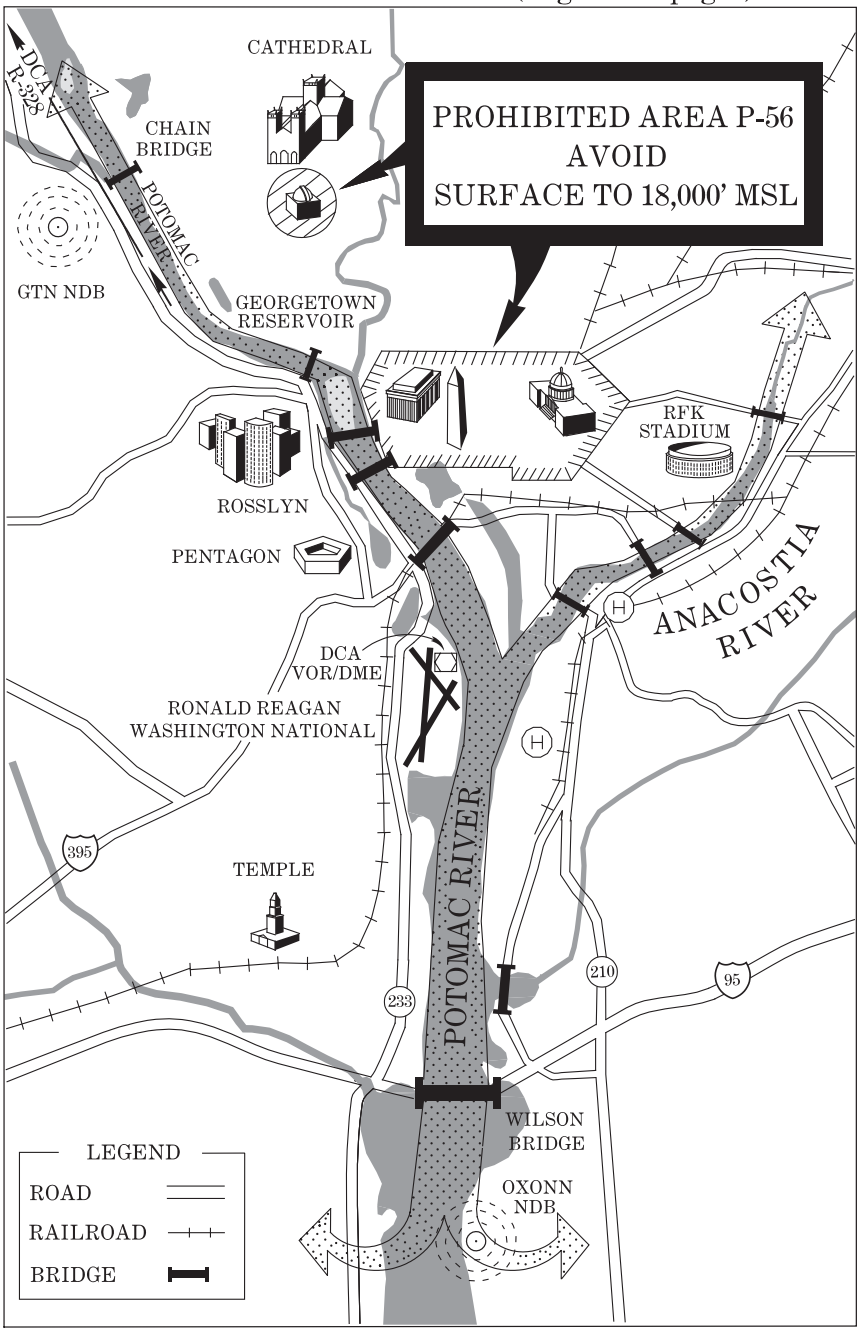
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P–56 BEGINS APPROXIMATELY 1.5 NM NORTH OF THE DEPARTURE END OF RUNWAY 01–SURFACE TO 18,000´ MSL
REMAIN CLEAR OF P–56 AT ALL TIMES

EXPECT THE PUBLISHED RNAV DEPARTURE PROCEDURE OR ATC INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING NON–RNAV PROCEDURES

NORTHWEST: Follow the Potomac River until abeam the Georgetown reservoir or the DCA 4 DME, then join the DCA 328 radial, expect radar vectors at 10 DME. A left turn as soon as practicable, especially with a west wind, is required to maintain a ground track over the Potomac River and **remain clear of P–56**. If unable to maintain visual reference to the Potomac River, join the DCA 328 radial.

NORTHEAST: Follow the Anacostia River to 5 DME. A right turn as soon as practicable, especially with a east wind, is required to maintain a ground track over the Anacostia River and **remain clear of P–56**. Expect Radar Vectors at 5 DME. If unable to maintain visual reference to the Anacostia River, then join the DCA 070 radial.

SOUTH: Follow the Potomac River to 5 DME, then expect radar vectors. If unable to maintain visual reference to the Potomac river, then join the DCA 185 radial.

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

LANDING NORTH: Weather conditions 3000/4 or better, expect the Mount Vernon visual approach. Lower weather conditions, expect the advertised instrument approach.

LANDING SOUTH: Weather conditions 3500/3 or better, expect the River Visual Approach. Lower weather conditions, expect the advertised instrument approach.

NIGHTTIME NOISE LEVELS

From 2200 to 0700 local time, operation of aircraft type and model which exceed the following noise levels violate Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority Regulation (MWAR) 3.11:

DEPARTURES – 72 dBA as generated on takeoff.

ARRIVALS – 85 dBA as generated on approach, except that aircraft scheduled to arrive before 2200 will be permitted to land if they have received an approach clearance before 2230. Ref. MWAR 3.11 and Advisory Circular 36–3.

RONALD REAGAN WASHINGTON INTL (DCA)
ARRIVAL ALERT

Landing South
RWY 19 and RWY 15



Pilots sometimes confuse RWY 15 for RWY 19 due to proximity of runway thresholds.

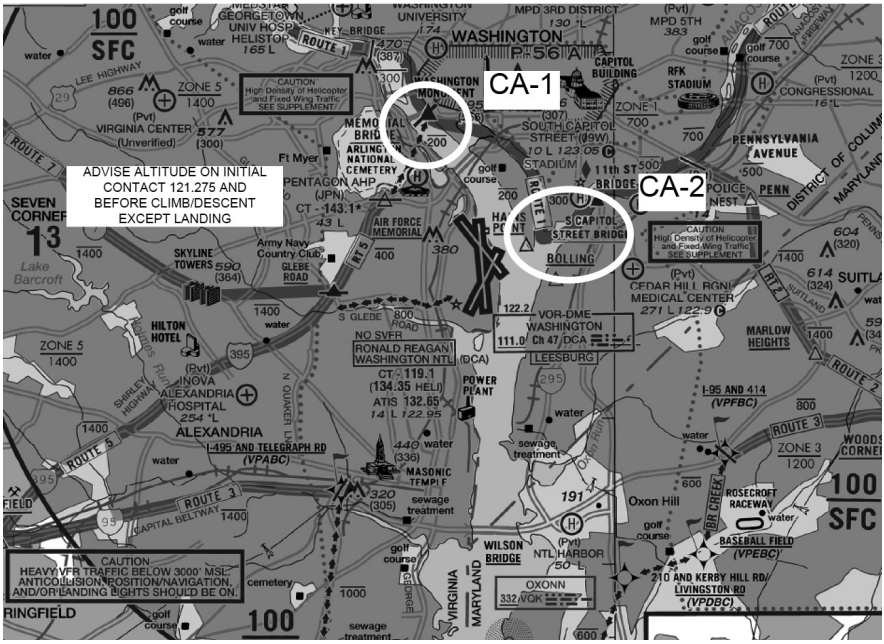
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For Situational Awareness Only

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CAUTIONARY AREA (CA)
HIGH DENSITY OF HELICOPTER AND FIXED WING TRAFFIC
Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA)

Pilots should be alert in this area due to heavy concentration of IFR Jet Operations below 1500 Feet. On initial contact with DCA Tower (121.275), pilots must announce intended route, altitude, and receipt of DCA ATIS Information (132.65).

- Heavy concentration of helicopter and fixed wing traffic. Pilots should avoid using Route 1 South of the Memorial Bridge to the maximum extent possible.
- All aircraft operating within the DCA Class B are required to:
  - Turn-on Anti-collision lights and aircraft position/navigation lights. Use of landing lights is recommended.
  - Have a current Baltimore-Washington Helicopter Route Chart in the aircraft and familiarize themselves with the information contained therein.
  - NOTICE: Routes/Transitions/Zones are being amended.



CA-1 : JPN/Memorial Bridge Transition

- Be alert for RWY 1/33 departures when DCA is in a North Configuration and RWY 15/19 arrivals when in a South Configuration.
- Be alert for JPN (Pentagon) helicopter traffic and route/zone transition area.

CA-2 : Hains Point/South Capitol Region

- Be alert for helicopters operating in/out and local pattern of Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, South Capitol Street Heliport, US Park Police Eagles Nest.
- Be alert for RWY 4 departures when DCA is in a North Configuration.

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