



Photo taken at spot K

Frequencies

Inbound	
132.975	Amsterdam ATIS arrival
131.150	Approach only on ATC discretion
121.950	Apron CTR & taxi guidance
118.400	Arrival intermediate / final approach main runway
119.050	Arrival alternate RWY
119.175	EHAM info over SEA
120.550	Radar arrivals via ARTIP holding
130.950	Radar arrivals via RIVER holding
118.800	Radar arrivals via SUGOL holding
120.200	Schiphol arrival
121.200	Schiphol intermediate approach
121.900	Schiphol tower 2 O/R or ATC directions
118.275	Schiphol tower 3

General	
121.875	Apron control
121.900	Apron control
121.600	Schiphol havendienst
119.225	Schiphol tower landingsverkeer

Outbound	
122.200	Amsterdam ATIS departure
123.700	Amsterdam radar CTA West (NW)
125.750	Amsterdam radar CTA West (SW)
121.950	Apron CTR & taxi guidance
121.975	Delivery
119.050	Departure alternate RWY
121.700	Ground control & startup (west)
121.800	Ground control & startup (east)
118.100	Schiphol tower primary departure
118.275	Schiphol tower (on request)

Long distance

129.300	Amsterdam radar CTA East (NE)
124.875	Amsterdam radar CTA East (SE)
123.850	Amsterdam radar CTA South (S)
123.700	Amsterdam radar CTA West (NW)
125.750	Amsterdam radar CTA West (SW)
133.350	Eurocontrol Belgium
133.950	Eurocontrol Germany
135.450	Maastricht CTR coastal subsector
134.375	Maastricht CTR EHAM
135.975	Maastricht CTR EHAM secondary

Amsterdam Schiphol

Schiphol is a large airport both in terms of traffic, diversity, and sheer size. It is the fifth busiest airport in Europe and ranks 14 in the world (2009). With six runways, it covers a large portion of what used to be the bed of the Haarlemmermeer (Haarlem Lake). Taking its name from the now dismantled Fort Schiphol, the airport was established as a military landing ground in 1916. The first civilian aircraft started using Schiphol-les-bains in the early 1920s. The landmark Amsterdam School terminal building was built for the 1928 Olympic summer games at what today is Schiphol Oost. This iconic building was completely destroyed during World War II. A replica of the building can be found at the Avidrome in Lelystad. In 1951 a new terminal was built in the same area. Remnants of the old tower can still be found among the buildings there. By the mid 1960s, Schiphol had outgrown itself and the new Schiphol Centrum was built. Since 1967 it has been the heart of this busy European hub.

In order to get around and really get value for money, you need a car - alternatively you can rent a bicycle. The PLANE-SPOTTER.com team has identified and tested a number of spots around the airport. Since there are so many changes done constantly around Schiphol, some of the spots may no longer be available.

A Panorama Terrace

Latitude: 52°18'32.1"N Longitude: 4°45'56.1"E

The Panorama Terrace at the terminal is the natural choice for spotting if you don't have transportation or are only making a short stop at AMS. It is very clearly signposted from all entrances. Here you can soak in the atmosphere of a vibrant airport while you have good photo and spotting facilities. Entrance to the terrace is free of charge and it is open during daylight hours. There are restaurants and toilets close by. We would recommend the Dakota's Café & Bar just inside the main building.

B Aalsmeerderweg

Latitude: 52°17'08.4"N Longitude: 4°44'35.5"E

This area used to be the official Spottersplaats, but has been closed as such. You can still catch Kaagbaan (Runway 06-24) action here but it getting trickier and trickier with lots of trees and bushes growing wildly. Parking is possible along the Aalsmeerderweg.

C Along the Polderbaan Taxiway

Latitude: 52°19'31.1"N Longitude: 4°43'13.4"E

There are several spots along the Vijfhuizenweg that can be used. The best thing to do is park your car in the parking lot of the cemetery along the canal or in the one by the bridge. Do not try to park along the road. The police are very attentive and will move you along. There are many excellent spots along the Vijfhuizenweg. You can follow the taxiway to where it crosses the A5 motorway. At this location you will need steps to get above the fence. OK for taxiway shots and for aircraft on the centre runway or Zwanenburgbaan.

D Polderbaan (36L) Threshold

Latitude: 52°20'04.2"N Longitude: 4°42'23.6"E

This spot is also along the Vijfhuizenweg, but the Polderbaan has divided the road and you need to access it from the IJweg in the west. Good for line-up shots when 36L is in use. Parking is possible on the verges at the roundabout.

E Polderbaan (18R/36L) Western Side

Latitude: 52°20'34.7"N Longitude: 4°42'26.1"E

There are several good spots on the western side of the Polderbaan. About halfway down the runway, you will find the new official Spottersplaats with a large parking lot and meals-on-wheels unit. Not the greatest of culinary experiences, but it will fill your belly. However, not a toilet in sight - plenty of shrubs and bushes though... You can also follow the cycleway along the runway to get good views and shots.

F Polderbaan (18R) Threshold

Latitude: 52°22'02.6"N Longitude: 4°42'44.8"E

The Schipholweg (N232) is a good spot for taking landing shots on Runway 18R. It can be used for morning and evening photography if you just move from one side of the centre line to the other. Leaving your car can be a challenge. Parking is not allowed along the Schipholweg, but there is a lane you can use a few hundred metres to the east of the centre line where it is safe to leave the car.

G Polderbaan Eastern Side (18R/36L)

Latitude: 52°20'53.0"N Longitude: 4°42'26.1"E

This spot is best for photography in the morning. To reach it you turn off the Schipholweg (N232) by the traffic lights in Boesingheliede and onto the IJweg. The IJweg is divided by the Polderbaan during the first part of the day.

H Tweeduizend Ei close to the threshold of RWY 18C

Latitude: 52°20'06.7"N Longitude: 4°44'39.5"E

With RWY 18C (Zwanenburgbaan) used for landings until around noon, at this spot you can get great belly shots. The road (Tweeduizend Ei) isn't wide, but there are a couple of areas you park your car. If you use Hoofdweg from Haarlemmermeer to reach this spot, you cross under the new TWY to RWY 18R/36L and you'll see the new satellite tower near by.

I Pedestrian road along Hoofdweg after A5

Latitude: 52°20'07.0"N Longitude: 4°44'09.9"E

To the west of the 18C centerline along Hoofdweg there is pedestrian road that can be an alternative to spot H in the afternoon.

J Take-offs from 18L

Latitude: 52°19'27.0"N Longitude: 4°46'40.8"E

Along the circle road (Loevesteinse Randweg) you can find spots, but no space for parking the car. It is easier to get there by any other means of transportation. The bus stop is Elzenhof. It is an OK option for morning shots when 18L is in use.

K McDonald's

Latitude: 52°19'15.2"N Longitude: 4°47'36.0"E

The McDonald's on the Loevesteinse Randweg is one of the official viewing areas at Schiphol and one with a fast food restaurant with toilet facilities. It is not the best of spots as the Buitenveldertbaan (runway 09-27) is the most noise-sensitive and if you're taking pictures, you will have the sun in your face most of the day. That said, it is a good spot for overviews of the central area and Schiphol Oost with its maintenance facility and GA area. It is also a good place to leave your car to reach spot L.

L Final Buitenveldertbaan

Latitude: 52°19'02.2"N Longitude: 4°48'14.1"E

The Loevesteinse Randweg perimeter road grants good views of runways 22 and 27. However, it is a no-stopping zone so the car must be left at either McDonald's (K) or Schiphol Oost (M). There are some gates that offer good photo opportunities. As mentioned the Buitenveldertbaan is not the busiest runway at Schiphol, but when it is in use, this is a great spot.

M Wings Restaurant Schiphol Oost (the old Schiphol tower)

Latitude: 52°18'33.8"N Longitude: 4°48'36.7"E

The Wings restaurant is located in the old visual control tower at Schiphol Oost. There is ample parking and this is actually one of the few places in the Netherlands you can get a decent cup of coffee. Photography can be tricky, but if you bring steps you can catch some GA traffic, the odd Police helicopter, and, on occasion, a DC-3 from the Dutch Dakota Association.

N Alsmeerderbaan (36R) South East

Latitude: 52°17'14.9"N Longitude: 4°46'50.3"E

There are actually two possibilities here: one parking along the Fokkerweg and the other is an industrial estate with ample parking on weekends that offers unobstructed views of finals for runway 36R. Best photography during the morning hours.

O Alsmeerderbaan (36R) West

Latitude: 52°17'25.3"N Longitude: 4°46'08.3"E

There are several options west of runway 36R. The best is to leave the car at a parking space in the business park here and walk to the spots. One is towards the approach lights of 36R.

