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Busy Summer Ahead for WRWA Allowing Enough Time is Key to Keeping Trips on Track

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 20, 2015 – Vacation season is about to get underway which means a busy terminal and full flights for Will Rogers World Airport (WRWA). June, July and August are the busiest months of the year for the airport and this summer will be no exception. Industry analysts are predicting a record number of air travelers this season.

Along with a greater volume of passengers, the summer season brings more checked baggage, parking garages and surface lots that fill more quickly and slower checkpoint lines due to the increased number of carryon items. Most airlines now close the check-in process at the ticket counter and online 30 to 45 minutes prior to departure. All of these things can contribute to longer lines and more time to get to the gate. Not allowing enough time is one of the biggest mistakes travelers make.

“People are very focused on the time it takes to get through the checkpoint,” says Karen Carney, airport spokesperson. “That is certainly important, but travelers also need to consider the amount of time it takes to park and check bags. We’ve seen a growing number of people miss their flights just because they arrived at the ticket counter too late.”

Missing a flight during this busy season will definitely cause a headache. Since most flights are booked to capacity, it could be difficult to get rebooked and will likely cost extra fees, not to mention cutting into a planned vacation. The general rule of thumb is to arrive at the airport at least an hour and a half prior to departure.

Along with allowing enough time for the check-in and checkpoint process, these additional tips can help summer flying go more smoothly:

- Know the checkpoint rules. All liquids and gels taken in carryon luggage must be three (3) ounces or less and contained in a clear, zip-lock bag. This zip-lock bag must be taken out of the carryon and placed separately in a bin. Laptops must also be removed from their cases and placed separately in a bin. A comprehensive list of items allowed in carryon and checked luggage can be found at tsa.gov. You can also download the My TSA App.
- Have the proper identification. A driver’s license or other government-issued photo ID is necessary to check bags and pass through the checkpoint. Travelers should double-check that they have the ID with them before coming to the airport. If traveling out of the country, including Mexico or Canada, a U.S. passport will be needed. Children under 18 do not require identification unless traveling internationally.
- Consider enrolling in the TSA Pre✓™ Program. The program allows pre-approved travelers to leave on their shoes, light outerwear and belt, keep their laptop in its case and their 3-1-1 compliant liquids/gels bag in their carryon. Passengers with Pre✓ on their boarding pass will be directed to a special screening lane. Interested

travelers can sign up for Pre✓ at [tsa.gov](https://www.tsa.gov). Travelers could also be randomly selected for Pre✓ when their boarding pass is printed.

- Assistance is available at the checkpoints. Passengers with special medical concerns or physical disabilities can arrange for a TSA Passenger Support Specialist to assist them by requesting it through TSA Cares at [tsa.gov](https://www.tsa.gov), or at the checkpoint.

More travel tips, ticket counter hours, and flight information can be found on [flyokc.com](https://www.flyokc.com).

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