

# Google Earth

## Some facts about Google Earth:

- It acquires the best imagery available, most of which is approximately one to three years old.
- The information in Google Earth is collected over time and is not in 'real time'.
- Google Earth is available as a FREE download from <http://earth.google.com/>

*I suggest you NOT download using dial-up. If you are using dial-up, go to the Computer Classroom and connect to wireless network "VPCC". Then perform the download.*

## Computer requirements to run Google Earth are:

### Minimum:

- Operating System: Windows 2000, Windows XP, or Windows Vista
- CPU: Pentium 3, 500Mhz
- System Memory (RAM): 256MB
- Hard Disk: 400MB free space
- Network Speed: 128 Kbits/sec
- Graphics Card: 3D-capable with 16MB of VRAM
- Screen: 1024x768, "16-bit High Color" - DirectX 9 (to run in Direct X mode)

### Recommended:

- Operating System: Windows XP or Windows Vista
- CPU: Pentium 4 2.4GHz+ or AMD 2400xp+
- System Memory (RAM): 512MB
- Hard Disk: 2GB free space
- Network Speed: 768 Kbits/sec
- Graphics Card: 3D-capable with 32MB of VRAM
- Screen: 1280x1024, "32-bit True Color"

Most computers bought in the last couple years should meet the minimum requirements. Check first so you are not disappointed after installing Google Earth.

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If you have Google Earth installed on your computer, you can download the [kml file](#) for the flight with audio from this site:

<http://googlemapsmania.blogspot.com/2009/01/short-flight-of-1549-on-google-maps.html>

If you prefer to not download and install Google Earth or download the above file, you can access the video on YouTube by clicking here - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GChobnO5YU4>