



Trail Details & Safety

- ▲ Approximately 5 miles in length
- ▲ Trail takes 2 to 3 hours to walk
- ▲ The trail is handicap accessible
- ▲ Mostly a flat loop trail on paved paths or roads
- ▲ Majority of the trail is located on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base property and may be closed during emergencies
- ▲ In case of emergency, the nearest first aid station is at the Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center (HPFFIC)
- ▲ The Memorial sits on a 35° hill across from the HPFFIC
- ▲ Water and facilities are also available at the HPFFIC.
- ▲ The flying field area maybe accessed through Gate 16A



The Trail Medal & Patch Requirements

- ~Hike the trail
- ~Do a Service Project for the National Park Service (NPS) of at least one hour
 - Coordinate the Service Project with NPS representative at Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center
 - 2380 Memorial Road
 - Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433
 - Phone: 937-425-0008
- ~Contact Trail Manager at the email below to order trail medals or patches
 - Trail Medals are \$5.00 each
 - Trail Patches are \$4.00 each
- ~An additional handling fee is charged to cover handling and postage

Wright Memorial Trail Contact

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Wright Memorial Trail



Trail Brochure with
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Huffman Prairie Flying Field and the Wright Memorial

Huffman Prairie Flying Field, a unit of the Dayton Aviation National Historical Park, is the site where Wilbur and Orville Wright flew and perfected the world's first practical airplane, the 1905 Wright Flyer III, after their first flights in Kittyhawk, North Carolina in 1903.

Wright Brothers Hill was originally a part of Wright Field known as Tate Hill, which offers a view of the Huffman Prairie Flying Field. It was set aside for the Miami Conservancy District to create a park honoring Orville and Wilbur Wright.

The Wright Memorial, which was designed by the Olmstead Brothers Architectural Firm and includes a 17 foot pink granite obelisk and plaza, had its dedication ceremony in 1940, which included Orville Wright and

several of the 119 students he had taught at the Wright School of Aviation.

The Wright Memorial Trail was conceived in 1963 by the Boy Scouts of Troop 162 located on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. It was completed in the spring and summer of 1964. The 84.42 acre Huffman Prairie Flying Field was listed as a National Historic Landmark in October 1990. On October 16, 1992, it became a part of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park. The Huffman Prairie Flying Field, the Wright Memorial Trail, and the Wright Memorial are all maintained by the National Park Service.

The photo shows a reproduction of one of the Wright Flyers which is sometimes on display at the flying field. The National Museum of the Air Force displays a Wright 1909 Military Flyer.

Flora & Fauna

Flora

- *Andropogon gerardii* - Big Bluestem Grass
- *Schizachyrium scoparium* - Little Bluestem
- *Sorghastrum nutans* - Indiangrass
- *Oligoneuron ohioense* - Ohio Goldenrod
- *Helianthus occidentalis riddell* - Western Sunflower
- *Echinacea purpurea* - Purple Cone Flower
- *Coreopsis tripteris* - Tall Coreopsis

Fauna

- *Sonia canadana* - Canadian Sonia Moth
- *Epiblema tripartitana* - Belted Galloway Tort Moth
- *Bucculatrix simulans* - Sawtooth Sunflower Lepidoptera Moth