

The Lt. Vincent H. Core Memorial Trail, in Farmington Memorial Town Forest

In 1945, 2nd Lt. Vincent H. Core died in a training run, crashing his P47 Thunderbolt plane into the Farmington Memorial Town Forest, and avoiding major population centers nearby. The Memorial is dedicated to his focused decision before his plane crashed. The main access to the Memorial is from Red Oak Hill Road, but Reservation Road, is also an option.

Red Oak Hill Road is limited to one car parking (41° 43' 47.11" N 72° 51' 56.64" W). The 1.4 mile trail is level and dry, even in early spring. It is a very well marked orange blazed trail created by William S. Sanford as an Eagle Scout Project in 2014. It has a triangle loop with two spurs (note map). It is a short walk to the top of the triangle. Turning right is the most direct way to the Memorial, which is also posted with metal signs. In 0.2 miles, the orange trail (O) makes a 90° left turn and the Memorial Trail goes right. Follow the signs (S) to the end of this spur and the Memorial location (photo). Return to the junction with the orange trail to complete the second leg of the triangle. After another 0.1 mile you reach a "T" junction. Turning left takes you directly back to your car. Turning right takes you to the "T" junction with the blue trail. The orange blazes end, but the wide straight trail is easy to follow. Taking a left on the wide blue trail will bring you to the Reservation Road cul-de-sac after 0.2 miles.

Reservation Road has parking for 4 cars. The Blue Trail is unmarked, but it is 8 feet wide and straight. There are yellow metal signs for the Farmington Memorial Town Forest on your right and houses on your left. You will reach the first right hand 90° turn in 0.2 miles. This is the 0.1 mile, straight and unmarked connecting trail mentioned above that brings you to the southern point of the triangle (note map). The orange blazes are now very clear. Turning left is the most direct route to the Memorial.



2nd Lt. Vincent H. Core's Memorial

Additional information links:

<http://www.hmdb.org/marker.asp?marker=91860>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republic_P-47_Thunderbolt

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2nd Lt. Vincent H. Core Memorial Trail map