



Aviation Trail, Inc.

News and Updates from "The Trail"

Experience the Birthplace of Aviation!

A non-profit corporation in partnership with the National Park Service to promote Aviation Heritage in the Dayton region

Visit the historical sites that tell of man's conquest of the air.

"The Flight Log" -

AVIATION TRAIL MAIL

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This "Flight Log" highlights some of the stories and events featured on the Aviation Trail website: AviationTrailInc.org



National Aviation Day was established as a national observation by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1939 to celebrate the development of aviation. The date of August 19 was designated in honor of Orville Wright's birthday (August 19, 1871 - which is also the birthday of sister Katherine Wright in 1874). The day is usually the occasion of events and activities that promote interest in aviation. With the current pandemic precaution in 2020, public celebrations may be limited, but there are still some museums open for visiting (with the usual precautions) - [CLICK HERE](#) to check the blog post about the current status of museums and attractions on the Aviation Trail. Contact information on the individual sites can be found on the "Trail Sites" page on this website.

This is also a good time to read more about the Wrights. Besides Wilbur and Orville, Katherine's support of their efforts also contributed greatly to aviation, along with many other accomplishments of her own. See the five links below for some interesting reading. The first two are online posts with interesting information about Katherine Wright, and the third about the brothers. The last two are reviews of books about the Wright brothers and flight.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Katharine_Wright

http://www.wright-brothers.org/Information_Desk/Just_the_Facts/Wright_Family/Katharine_Wright/Katharine_Wright.htm

http://www.wright-brothers.org/History_Wing/Wright_Story/Wright_Story_Intro/Wright_Story_Intro.htm

<https://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/04/books/review-the-wright-brothers-by-david-mccullough.html>

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/20977943-the-dayton-flight-factory>



Site Openings

- **Re-openings of Some Aviation Trail Sites Announced**
- **Other Re-openings Pending**

As indicated in the "Flight Log" for the last five months, most of the trail site facilities have posted closings due to the COVID-19 virus threat. There are several sites that have re-opened in June & July. This is something that can change daily, so check the websites for the individual trail sites to get the latest information. A list of the status of sites on the Aviation Trail is also posted on the the "Aviation Blog" page of the Aviation Trail website. It is updated as changes occur:

<https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/post/covid-19-closure-updates>

Since things can change on a day-to-day basis, it is recommended that visitors contact the individual sites directly before making plans to visit. The website and phone information for each site is available on the Aviation Trail website "Trail Sites" page, <https://www.aviationtrailinc.org/copy-of-trail-sites>, and on the Aviation Trail brochure, which can be downloaded from that page.



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I / We wish to remain anonymous.

_____ \$25.00 Senior (age 60+)

_____ \$75 Contributing

_____ \$1000 Patron

_____ \$30 Individual

_____ \$150 Supporting

_____ Other- I am a life member and would like to make an additional contribution

_____ \$40 Family

_____ \$1500 Individual Life Member*

(*May be paid in three annual payments of \$500 per year, mail in only)

_____ Donation - I would like to support Aviation Trail with a **DONATION** of \$ _____ to Aviation Trail

Please apply my donation to:

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Preservation Fund*

Wilbear Fund**

* Donations will be designated to promote and preserve historical aviation sites in the Dayton Region.

** Donations will be designated to promote and preserve the "Wilbear Wright" teddy bear program that promotes the Aviation Trail and its partner sites.

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Select the "Memberships -Donations-Reservations button from the top menu. Secure payments are made through PayPal.

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