9/11 Memorial

Built with donations raised by the 9/11 Memorial Committee and the Friends of the Parks, the County's 9/11 Memorial was dedicated in 2005. It features a timeline walkway to recollect the day's events; a stone base carved with the names of the 147 county residents who lost their lives; and an eagle sculpture by artist Franco Minervini clutching a beam from one of the fallen towers. The eagle—America's symbol of freedom—represents the patriotism shown throughout the country after the attacks. Set against views of New York, the memorial honors both the lives lost and the fearless display of heroism by rescue teams and citizens who responded to the tragedy.

Meaning of the 9/11 Memorial Landscape

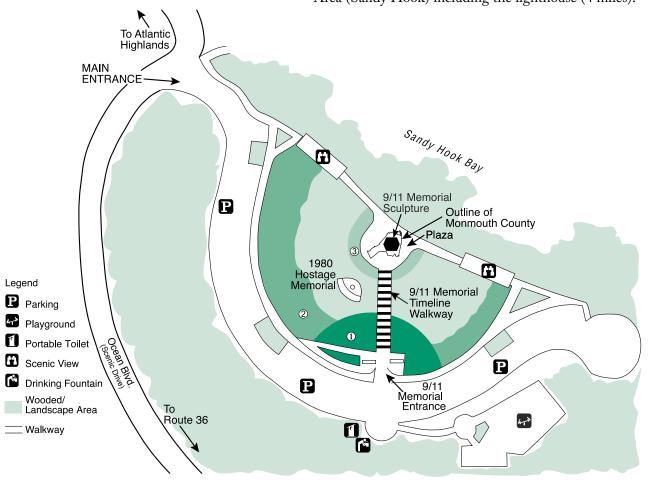
The walkway leading to the memorial reflects the journey of grief taken when someone loses a loved one. Initial feelings of darkness and despair, followed by a gradual journey into the light, are represented by select plantings, upward sloping walkway, and expansive water view toward the city.

- 1. The journey begins with monocolor evergreens of cedar and holly, with a ground cover of shrub and fern to reflect the initial period of darkness.
- 2. The landscape then becomes lighter where tall white oak trees are surrounded along the perimeter by red oak, white ash, black gum and flowering trees, with a groundcover of unmowed fescue grass symbolic of plants near the Pennsylvania field where Flight 93 crashed.
- 3. Finally, visitors enter "the light" by approaching a plaza rimmed with a mix of perennials and grasses. Seven birch trees around the plaza symbolize the four planes and three buildings involved in the 9/11 tragedy.



Scenic View

On a clear day, Mount Mitchill provides a panoramic view across Sandy Hook and Raritan Bay to the landscape of 4 of New York City's 5 boroughs. Visitors can see the Verrazano Narrows Bridge (14 miles), the Statue of Liberty (20 miles), One World Trade Center (21 miles), the Empire State Building (24 miles) and, more immediately, the historical structures and topography of Gateway National Recreation Area (Sandy Hook) including the lighthouse (4 miles).



9/11 Memorial Timeline Walkway

7:30 a.m.

A beautiful September morning...

8:00 a.m.

American Airlines Flight 11 departs Boston

8:14 a.m.

United Airlines Flight 175 departs Boston

8:21 a.m.

American Airlines Flight 77 departs Washington Dulles Airport

8:42 a.m.

United Airlines Flight 93 departs Newark

8:46 a.m.

Flight 11 hits the WTC North Tower

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Flight 175 hits the WTC South Tower

9:37 a.m.

Flight 77 hits the Pentagon

9:59 a.m.

WTC South Tower collapses

10:06 a.m.

Flight 93 crashes in Shanksville, PA

10:10 a.m.

Portion of Pentagon collapses

10:29 a.m.

WTC North Tower collapses