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

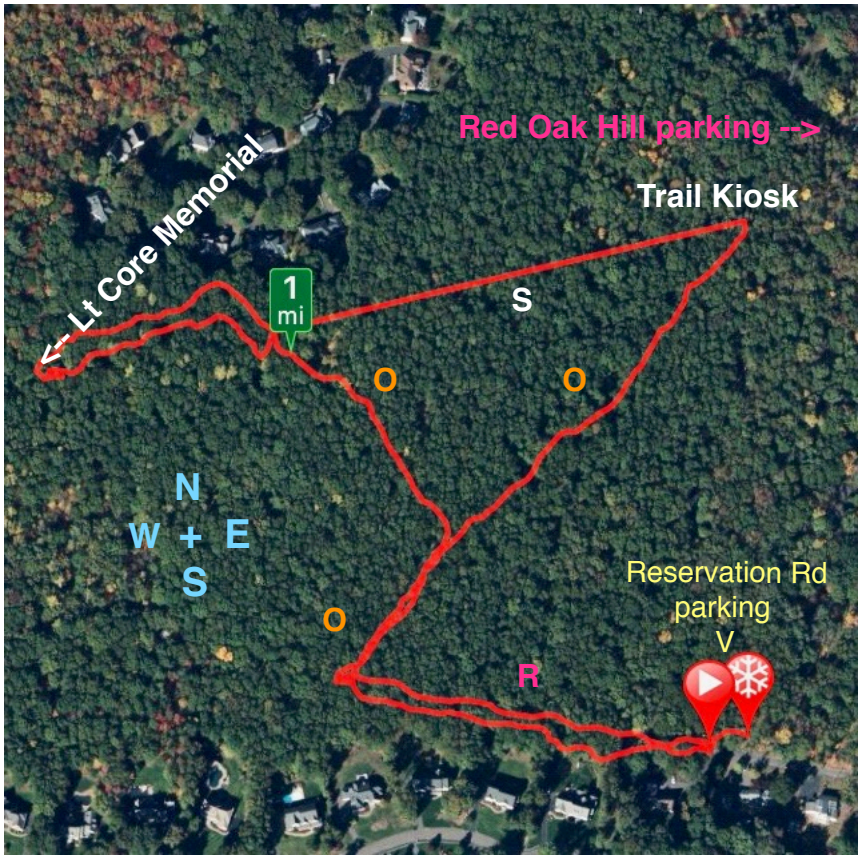
In 1945, 2nd Lt. Vincent H. Core died in a training run, crashing his P47 Thunderbolt plane into the Farmington Memorial Town Forest, and avoiding major population centers nearby. The Memorial is dedicated to his focused decision before his plane crashed. The main access to the Memorial is from Red Oak Hill Road, but it is limited to one car. Reservation Road's cul-de-sac (41.725705 -72.866300) has room for 4 cars.

This 1.4 mile hike is level and dry, even in early spring. It is a trail created as an Eagle Scout Project in 2014. From Reservation Road hike due west on a wide & straight trail. You will soon see yellow metal signs for the Farmington Memorial Town Forest, along with red blazes (R) on your right. Houses will be on your left. At 0.2 miles make a right 90° turn. Continue straight in a northeast direction to the center triangle marked with orange blazes (O). At 0.5 miles you will reach the new trail kiosk. The kiosk has a good map of all the trails in the Farmington Memorial Forest. 50 yards past the kiosk is the parking for 1 car on Red Oak Hill Road.

Turn around and head back for 100 feet to find the first white metal sign with an arrow pointing to the Memorial. This trail is quite straight and marked with more white signs. At 0.6 miles, you will reach a "T" junction. Turn right and continue to follow the white signs to the Memorial at 0.8 miles (note Memorial photo)

Turn around and retrace your steps back to the "T" intersection, but continue straight following the orange blazes (O). At 1.2 miles make a 90° left turn and follow the red trail (R) back to your car.

2nd Lt. Vincent H. Core's Memorial



2nd Lt. Vincent H. Core Memorial Trail map

Additional information links:

http://hdl.handle.net/11134/660002:2685

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

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