Wright Brothers Day 2026 Flights and Visit Sheet

Thu., Dec. 17, 2026: the four 1903 flights and a visit checklist

Thursday

December 17, 2026

Wright Brothers Day

Facts

- Federal law names Dec. 17 as Wright Brothers Day and asks the President for a yearly proclamation.
- The brothers made four powered flights the morning of Dec. 17, 1903.
- Fees are waived Dec. 17 at Wright Brothers National Memorial only, charged per person 16 or older.

THE FOUR FLIGHTS OF DEC. 17, 1903 (NPS)

- [ ] Flight 1: 12 seconds, 120 feet
- [ ] Flight 2: 12 seconds, 175 feet
- [ ] Flight 3: 15 seconds, 200 feet
- [ ] Flight 4: 59 seconds, 852 feet

BEFORE YOU GO

- [ ] Check the 2026 anniversary program on the park's news page
- [ ] Check the park's hours page; Christmas Day is listed closed
- [ ] Get a free timed-entry pass for the National Air and Space Museum
- [ ] See the original 1903 Wright Flyer in Gallery 107

Not yet confirmed

2026 anniversary program: the memorial's 2026 program was not yet announced

Where I will mark the first flight on Dec. 17

Source: National Park Service, Four Powered Flights and Wright Brothers National Memorial fees; 36 U.S. Code section 143; Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.