

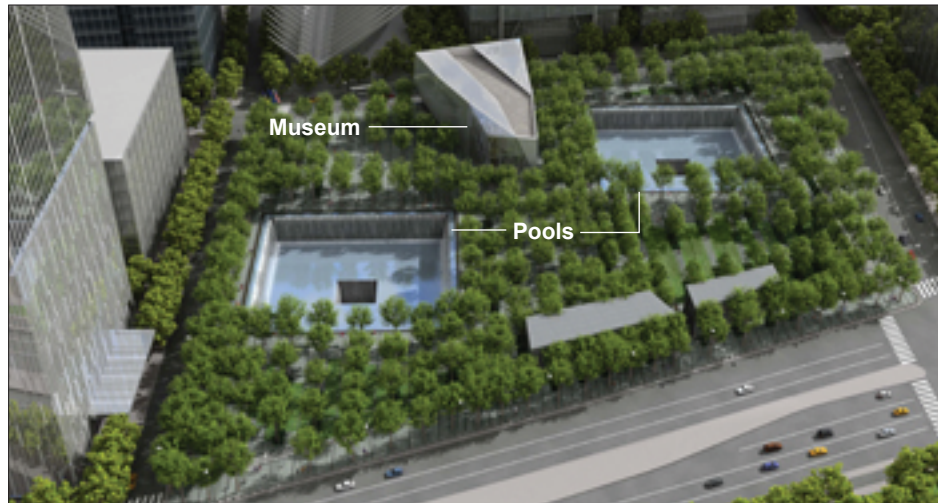
Memorials mark the three sites of the Sept. 11 attacks

A decade after the attacks of Sept. 11, three memorials marking the sites of the attacks are open or near opening. The National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial opened in 2008, and

the National Sept. 11 Memorial and the Flight 93 National Memorial are scheduled to open following the attacks' tenth anniversary observances. All three memorials name the

victims and offer an environment for family and friends to grieve and reflect.

The National September 11 Memorial, New York



Reflecting pools

The pools, almost an acre each, mark the footprint of the Trade Center towers with the largest man-made waterfalls in North America.

Names of the dead

Everyone who died in the attacks of 1993 and 2001 are written in bronze panels around the pools.

Grounds

More than 400 trees are to be planted around the plaza. A concrete table supports the plaza over a trough of soil for the trees. Trees came from a 500-mile radius of the Trade Center site and from Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania. The trees are expected to grow as high as 60 feet.

Size

The memorial occupies about 8 acres.

Sustainability

The site will use collected rainwater, stored in tanks below the plaza.

The memorial is seeking environmental certification from the U.S. Green Building Council and New York state.

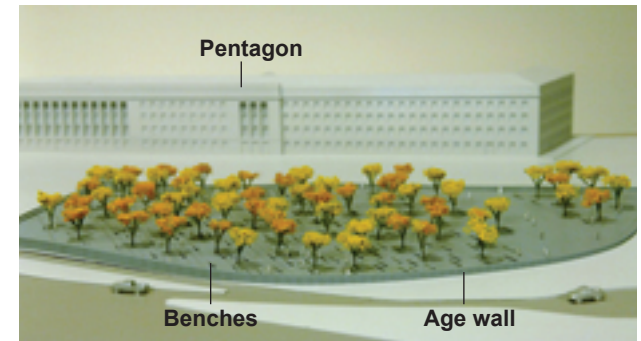
National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial, Washington

Benches

The first memorial to officially open features 184 benches honoring those people killed in the attack on the Pentagon. Underneath each bench, is a lighted pool and nameplate of a victim. Benches for the 125 who died in the Pentagon face the building. Benches representing the 59 passengers and crew face away.

Age lines

The benches are sorted by age lines that cross the memorial.



Age wall

The site's western wall grows higher as it travels across the age lines, marking the years in age of the victims.

Grounds

The site has 85 crape myrtle trees that can grow to about 30 feet tall, with a branch spread of 15-25 feet.

Flight 93 National Memorial, Shanksville, Pa.



Field of honor

An open field slopes to the crash site, circled by a tree-lined walkway of 40 groves.

Memorial plaza

A viewing plaza is in front of the crash site. Its 40-50 foot walls match the height of the plane as it passed. Names of the 40 passengers and crew will be inscribed in the plaza walls.

Tower of voices

The 93-foot tower will hold 40 wind chimes.

SOURCE: The memorials

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