

# International Forest of Friendship




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**Enjoy what the Forest has to offer:**

- **The Moon Tree**
- **Faye Gillis Wells Gazebo**
- **Joe Carrigan Waterfall & Pond**
- **Memory Lane**
- **Columbia Space Shuttle Memorial**
- **Putnam Forest Trails**



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The International Forest of Friendship in Atchison is a living, growing memorial dedicated to the world history of aviation and aerospace. Established in 1976 as a Bicentennial gift to the United States, the Forest was created through a partnership between the City of Atchison—birthplace of aviator Amelia Earhart—the Ninety-Nines, Inc., International Organization of Women Pilots, and the Kansas Forest Service.

The Forest was founded by Faye Gillis Wells and Joe Carrigan, who served as co-chairs from the beginning. Their shared vision celebrated the Ninety-Nines' motto, "World Friendship Through Flight." Today their families and a dedicated nonprofit board continue their legacy, ensuring the Forest remains a place of remembrance, education, and inspiration.

Nestled on a gentle hillside overlooking Lake Warnock, the Forest includes trees representing all 50 U.S. states as well as more than 35 countries where members of the Ninety-Nines reside. Among the unique plantings are trees grown from historic locations, including a tree from Mount Vernon and a tree from Amelia Earhart's grandfather's farm.

One of the Forest's most notable features is the Moon Tree. This American Sycamore was grown from one of the seeds carried to the moon by astronaut Stuart Roosa during Apollo 14. A smoke jumper, Stuart Roosa wanted to honor men who rescue trees. This Moon Tree was planted on July 24, 1976, as the International Forest of Friendship was dedicated.

Visitors can explore the Forest on the five-foot-wide, 0.6 miles, wheelchair-accessible pathway lined with granite plaques honoring more than 1,600 individuals who have contributed to aviation and aerospace. Honorees include pioneers such as Amelia Earhart, Charles Lindbergh, Sally Ride, John Glenn, Chuck Yeager, and Eileen Collins, the first woman to pilot a space shuttle.

Today, the International Forest of Friendship welcomes visitors from around the world to walk its paths, reflect on the achievements of aviation and space exploration, and celebrate a spirit of global friendship.