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How to find Donadea

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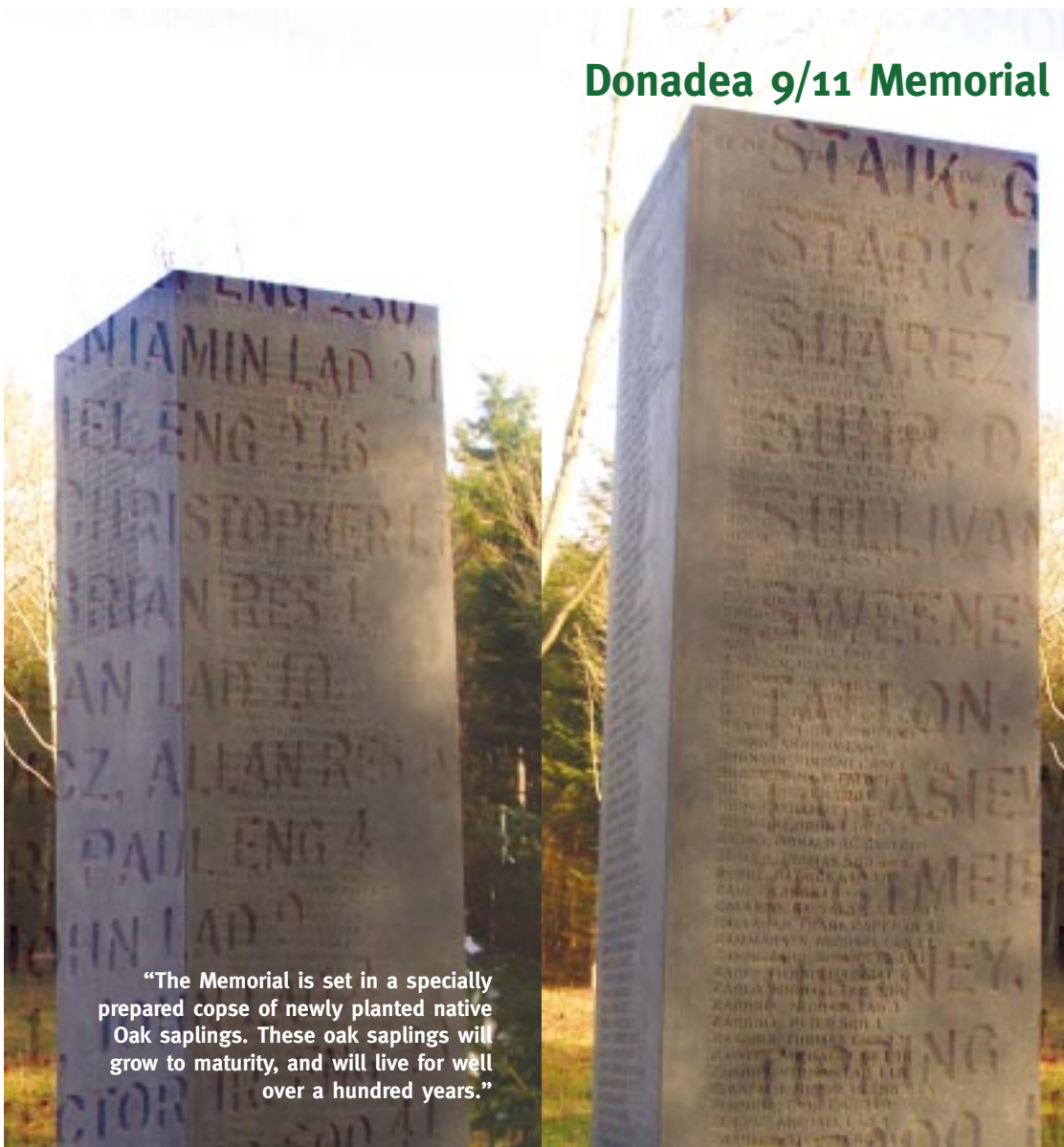
Map 1: Dublin to Donadea Forest Park, Co. Kildare.

9/11 Memorial



Map 2: Donadea Forest Park, Co. Kildare.

Donadea 9/11 Memorial



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Unveiling Day for the 9/11 Memorial

Sean Tallon

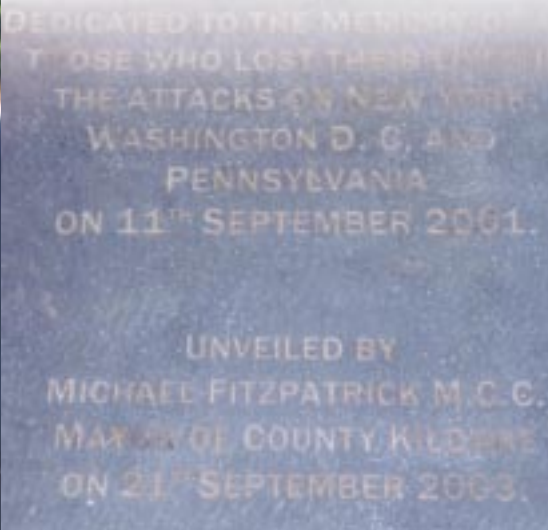
Sean Tallon was a young Irish American who joined the New York Fire Department as a Fire Fighter. Along with 343 of his colleagues, and members of other emergency services, he died on September 11th, 2001 in the Twin Towers of the World Trade Centre.

His father was born in Donadea, and Sean kept close connections with his grandmother. His relatives and friends still live in the community. Donadea 9/11 Committee was inspired to commission and erect the Memorial, in his memory, and in memory of all those who died.

The Memorial was formally unveiled and dedicated on September 21st 2003 in a ceremony led by the Mayor of County Kildare, Councillor Michael Fitzpatrick.

The ceremony was attended by a large gathering of many hundreds, including many from the New York emergency and rescue services, as well as other dignitaries, all of whom paid tribute to those who lost their lives.

The ceremony followed a parade to the memorial site which was led by the Pipe Band of the Dublin Fire Brigade.



The Memorial

The Memorial is a scaled replica of the Twin Towers, carved in blocks of Limestone. It was crafted under the supervision of Bernard Groome, a local stonemason and sculptor. It was designed by Brian Swan, Senior Architect with Kildare County Council. The Memorial is erected on a specially prepared plinth, with carved crests inlaid in stone flags.

The twin blocks carry the names engraved of all the men and women of the New York Fire Department, Police Officers and Port Authority officials who died in the Twin Towers.



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This special place provides a serene and tranquil setting for the Memorial, and the many thousands of people who visit the Park.



Donadea Forest Park, Donadea, County Kildare



Donadea is only 20 miles from the centre of Dublin and can be reached in 45 minutes, heading west along the M4 motorway, into the Kildare countryside.

The Park is owned and managed by Coillte, the Irish Forestry

Company. The Park is the setting for the ancestral home of the Anglo-Norman Aylmer family, who occupied the site and Castle from 1550 to 1935.

The estate, castle, church, walled garden, and lake are set in over 250 hectares of parklands, and provide a magnificent and beautiful amenity for the people of Donadea, County Kildare and beyond. Their preservation and restoration has been the focus of local community and voluntary activity for many years.

The pathways and Forest walks, along with the many other facilities and amenities, make it a special place, visited by many thousands of people each year.



Everyone is welcome to the Park, and especially those who wish to visit the Memorial.

We hope you will enjoy your visit.

Please tell your friends and let them enjoy the opportunity to visit as well.