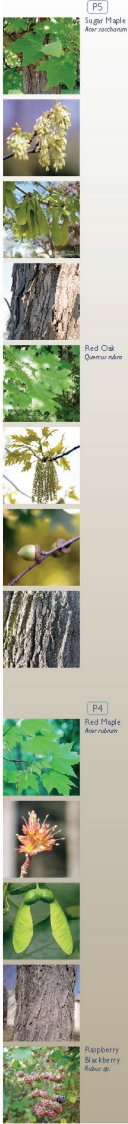




PORTAL



SUMMER
INDEPENDENCE DAY



PORTAL PLAN

25 FT. 100 FT. 400 FT.

The main entrance to the Bowl occurs through the Portal, at the west end of the Crescent. Within warm-toned concrete walls, textured like local cabs, the Portal frames the sky along the path of Flight 93 to the Crash Site. A black slate walkway leads visitors through the first wall into the Portal Plaza featuring Red Maple trees. Marking the Flight Path, the walkway extends through the Plaza and a second wall portal to give visitors their first look at the expanse of the Bowl and the Crash Site below. At the end of the path is a sloped glass plaque inscribed with the Mission Statement. At night the Flight Path is illuminated with recessed in-grade linear blue lines of gentle light that are perpendicular to the path flow to foster orientation and a rhythm of movement. The glass memorial plaque is edge-lighted from the base of the panel, allowing the text and its meanings to glow and radiate light.

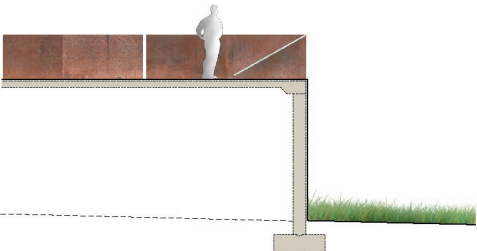
The end of the Portal Plaza is open, giving a feeling of release to the overall Crescent. From the Plaza, the public can enter the Visitor Center that is integrated within the landscape and walls of the Crescent. The Visitor Center is the interpretive and educational hub of the Park, featuring exhibits about the history of the site, Flight 93, the passengers and crew, and artifacts that have been left at the site, including the Temporary Memorial that is removed. Here, visitors are able to leave written tributes. At night the Visitor Center provides a lantern-like image by means of diffuse, glowing light through an etched glass enclosure.



PORTAL WALKWAY



OPEN END OF PORTAL PLAZA



PORTAL WALKWAY SECTION

1 FT. 4 FT. 12 FT.