NATIONAL AVIATION DAY

Learn about the innovation upon innovation that built up to the Wright brothers’ historic lift off and later accomplishments, like the creation of the 1939 DC-3 plane, acclaimed for revolutionizing global aviation while logging more than 12 million miles in less than a decade. As you travel behind the scenes today, be inspired by the current awe-inspiring advances that our partners at Delta Air Lines offer.

Waived admission fees and all activities courtesy of Delta.

TODAY’S ACTIVITIES

Make a Paper Airplane
Heroes of the Sky
Experiment with aerodynamics as you fold and test paper airplane designs. Presented by Delta Air Lines.

Wind Tunnel Testing
Heroes of the Sky
Design and make your own flying object, test it in the wind tunnel and redesign it for better lift.

Make Your Words Soar
Museum Gallery
Be inspired by the creativity of House Industries. Try your hand at embellishing letters to make words soar. Hand-letter a quote by famous aviators to take home.

Rocket Launches
Museum Front Lawn
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Discover how to shoot for the sky with local rocket makers.

1939 Sikorsky VS-300A
Heroes of the Sky – Inventors Section
Check out the Sikorsky 300A Helicopter to see the first practical helicopter. Did you know its creator, Igor Sikorsky, landed on the museum’s front lawn when he donated it to The Henry Ford?

Replica of the 1903 Wright Flyer
Heroes of the Sky – First Flight Gallery
Look for the brass plaque on the museum floor, and trace it to the Wright Flyer replica to see just how far the Wright brothers flew on that historic day at Kitty Hawk.

INSPIRED STORIES

Meet the Rosies
Your Place in Time
Explore World War II aviation artifacts, and discover the stories of the hardworking Rosie the Riveters who helped America win the war.

Innovation Nation Lounge
Near Your Place in Time
Get inspired by The Henry Ford’s Innovation Nation Emmy Award-winning TV show, and explore innovations in flight.

Pop-Up Talk: Aviation August
Museum Plaza
10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Dig deeper into The Henry Ford’s collection of early civilian aircraft. Meet in the Plaza near Heroes of the Sky.

INNOVATION MILESTONES

1925 Fokker F. VII Tri-Motor Airplane
Heroes of the Sky – Explorers Section
Be sure to see the Byrd Plane, a Fokker F. VII Tri-Motor that possibly flew over the North Pole. Admiral Richard Byrd certainly flew toward the pole, although some controversy remains about whether he actually crossed over it. Either way, we think this is a fascinating plane. Discover the special gear needed for arctic exploration and landings.

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MAKE A MEMORY

The Golden Age of Flight
Outside DC-3 Entry
Browse a timeline of Delta’s history, including major company and aviation milestones. What era do you think is the golden age of flight? Snap a picture next to the oversized photos of a pilot and classic flight attendant.

Meet Orville and Wilbur Wright
1903 Wright Flyer Replica
10:15-10:30 A.M. and 3:45-4 P.M.
Take a selfie with the famous Wright brothers to celebrate their momentous first flight.

Airline Industry Professionals Meetup
Behind Lamys Diner Near Heroes of the Sky
11 A.M.
Did you proudly serve the aviation industry as a flight attendant, pilot or in some other capacity over the past 50 years? Meet up and informally share your stories and memories. Inspire the next generation to take flight.

SEE MORE!
Visit Greenfield Village* for more aviation-related activities. See reverse side for more details. *Admission required.