

## Chapter 21: Producing Community Audio Tours

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### 2. Sample Step 6: “Houghton County Veterans Memorial Park” by Mariana Grohowski

This sample contains required components from step 6’s guidelines: an audio description, written transcript, and the student’s audio composition.

#### Written Audio Description

In this 1-minute 21-second audio composition “Houghton County Veterans Memorial Park,” Mariana Grohowski informs listeners about Houghton County’s Veterans Memorial Park. She describes the park’s features, history, purpose, and location, inviting listeners to visit and make time for reverence on the lives lost to war. Information about the park was gathered from the website *Veterans Memorials: A Catalog of Remembrance* created by Lee Wonnacott.

#### Transcript

The Houghton County Veterans Memorial Park is a 2-acre hillside park situated between Memorial Drive (M-26), US-41 S, and Bridge Street in Houghton, Michigan. It overlooks the Portage Lift Bridge, which separates Houghton and Hancock. The park contains many plaques, most of which adorn a brick wall. The plaques list the names of fallen veterans from the Civil War to the Iraq and Afghanistan wars and include the names of prisoners of war. There is also a fairly new colored “Historic Houghton” marker that shares vital information about the park. The largest marker is a bronze statue of an unnamed Civil War veteran. The four sides of the statue’s base indicate its dedication to the “200 soldiers and sailors from Houghton County” who fought in the Civil War. There is also a bronze plaque of Captain Graham Pope, of the 23rd Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and bronze seals for each branch of the military. Three flagpoles are on site to fly the American flag, our state’s flag, and the Prisoners of War Missing in Action flag. The Park was dedicated on May 30, 1998. But the color, historic marker was placed on site in 2006. The park was dedicated to honor the lives of the individuals from our county who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our country’s freedom. The park is open to the public for gathering and reflection.

#### Reference

Wonnacott, Lee. (2008, June). Houghton County Memorial & Honor Rolls. *Veterans Memorials: A Catalog of Remembrance*. <http://www.ridearoundamerica.com/index.php/mi/938-26061-houghton/677-26061-houghton>