



Tribute and Memorial Bench Agreement

Natural Lands is honored to construct and install a Natural Lands’ bench to recognize someone special, commemorate an occasion, or establish a memorial for a loved one at one of our nature preserves in eastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey.

Donor: _____

Honoree: _____

Proposed Bench Location: _____

Construction, Installation, and Maintenance

Natural Lands uses natural materials in constructing our benches, when possible, selecting appropriate hardwood from fallen preserve trees (most often White Oak or Locust), which we mill into lumber. These natural wood benches retain the wild aesthetic of the preserve setting. Staff will work with you to confirm the best location on the designated preserve using our preserve public use plans for guidance. If appropriate, we can arrange to walk the chosen preserve with you to refine the bench placement taking into account factors such as public use, impact on wildlife habitat, and long-term upkeep.

Natural Lands will maintain the bench for its natural lifetime, an average of about 10 years. The bench will be removed when it becomes unsafe or is vandalized in a manner that makes it visually unacceptable. Natural Lands does not guarantee against the effects of weather, vandalism, or theft. If the bench must be removed, Natural Lands will attempt to notify the donor with the opportunity to replace the bench at the current year’s cost.

Inscription

Benches can be marked with a 9” by 3” plaque affixed to the end of the bench. Messages must be no more than 4 lines and 80 characters, including spaces. Natural Lands does not allow religious messaging and reserves the right to reject language it deems inappropriate for the preserve setting. Please share your inscription wishes here:

Cost

Natural Lands will install a natural wood bench, including customized plaque, at the agreed upon location for a donation of \$2,500. Your donation covers the construction and installation of the bench as well as the continued maintenance of the bench and surrounding area for the natural life of the bench, on average 10 years. Checks may be payable to Natural Lands or a gift can be made via our website at Natlands.org/support under “donate now” section. In the “Comments” section please note that the gift is for a tribute or memorial bench.

Timing

Construction and installation of a bench may take up to 90 days after we receive a signed agreement and payment.

Recognition

If the donor wishes, we are happy to reserve time for a small dedication ceremony at the preserve but cannot incur expenses other than staff time. The scope of the ceremony must be limited to activities regularly allowed on the preserve.

Please specify how you would like your name to appear in our donor recognition materials.

I, the undersigned, as legal representative of the above mentioned donor, agree to the terms of Natural Lands’ Tribute and Memorial Bench Agreement.

Donor Name: _____

Signature: _____

Donor Contact Information:

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Please return a copy of this agreement to Gary Nelson, Directory of Individual Giving. We will then be in contact to confirm the proposed bench location, approve the plaque inscription, discuss the timeline for construction, and payment method. If you have any additional questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

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