



Live Green. Die Greener.

Welcome to Spirit Sanctuary. This document is a summary of how enrollment and burial works at the Sanctuary. These topics will be covered in more depth during your enrollment interview.

GREEN BURIAL

Green Burial means doing as little as possible to interfere with the natural process of decomposition that takes place when a body is buried in healthy soil. This means that the body is not embalmed. Rather, it is placed in a biodegradable container or shroud made of natural material, and buried directly in the earth without a vault or grave liner at a depth of 2.5 to three feet. Green burial has a minimal impact on the environment, allowing the body to return nutrients to the ecosystem in which it is buried.

ENROLLMENT

The best way is to plan ahead and complete our enrollment procedures. There are two options for enrollment prior to death:

Individuals can choose to enroll as a *Wildway Champion*, for the rate of \$1,200. This means they have included a conservation non-profit partner in their estate planning. In order to receive this rate, the individual is responsible for providing confirmation from the organization receiving their bequest. If the conservation organization is not on Spirit Sanctuary's list of partner non-profits, the individual will contact Spirit Sanctuary to get approval, prior to enrollment being complete. If you wish to enroll, please complete the included enrollment application.

If you or your loved was not enrolled prior to death or has not included a bequest, the *Wildway Friend* option is available. To enroll as a *Wildway Friend*, the rate is \$3,500. Anything in excess of our operational budget will further our educational and land conservation efforts. As a private burial ground, our mission is to provide people with a burial that honors their wish to "live green, die green." The financial gifts of people who choose to be buried at Spirit Sanctuary is a reflection of this philosophy.

Once you have enrolled, you will be put in touch with our Burial Doula, who will arrange a 1.5 hour phone orientation with you. The cost of this orientation is included with your enrollment. In this orientation, the Burial Doula will review procedures and options for burial at Spirit Sanctuary, and a written summary of your orientation will be provided and kept as part of our records of your preferences.

Upon enrollment, you may reserve a specific burial site or allow the Spirit Sanctuary stewards to choose a site when the time comes. We accept enrollment from anyone, however we

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please ask that you consider the carbon footprint of transportation from place of death to Spirit Sanctuary. Upon reservation of a site, the GPS coordinates will be provided for you. Keep these Spirit Sanctuary documents with your other advance planning documents.

CREMATION

We strongly discourage cremation. If the cremation has already taken place, cremated remains can be interred at Spirit Sanctuary if a surviving loved one enrolls at either member option, which provides a space for the cremated remains to be scattered. Spirit Sanctuary uses a pH-adjusting soil mix to amend cremated remains, and donations are requested to cover the cost of the soil mix. If a person previously enrolled in Spirit Sanctuary needs to be cremated for some reason then they may also inter their ashes under this policy.

BURIAL INFORMATION

Spirit Sanctuary is open for burial year-round. We ask that you notify Spirit Sanctuary as soon as possible when death is imminent by calling the Spirit Sanctuary office. This allows us to prepare for the burial as it generally takes about 48 hours to coordinate and prepare the site. Spirit Sanctuary will provide everything necessary for the burial and, with advance notice, provide additional people to assist in carrying and lowering the body. Families are welcome to assist in the process of the burial. Unlike conventional cemeteries, we will generally not remove trees or other natural features to accommodate a site. There is no reason a body cannot be buried after an autopsy or organ donation.

LAND ETHIC

If a marker is desired it must be of wood or a local stone and weigh less than 100 pounds. Letters and numbers may be carved on the stone but the stone itself should retain its natural shape and not be polished. We ask that non-biodegradable items are buried or left at the Sanctuary.

Spirit Sanctuary will not maintain gravesites. The intention is for nature to reclaim the burial areas. Most likely this will result in a forest. Spirit Sanctuary does not guarantee access to gravesites due to snow, mud, water, or other natural occurrences. We encourage letting nature select which plants will cover the gravesite or transplanting small native plants from the immediate area of the grave.