



PANORAMA

NATURAL BURIAL

Memorial Tree Donation

Panorama Natural Burial is happy to accept memorial tree donations. These trees are a way to remember a loved one and improve the visual and ecological appeal of the landscape at the same time. Trees will be tagged with a simple plaque containing the names of its species and the person it is dedicated to. There may be a small surcharge for memorialization and maintenance of the tree.

If you would like to donate a tree to Panorama Natural Burial you must purchase and plant it yourself, although PNB staff are happy to advise in the process. We will also be present for the planting to ensure that everything is in order. You may contract a landscaper or gardener to install the tree should that be desired. Local plant nurseries should carry many of the recommended trees, and trees can also be ordered online.

PNB staff will help you select the ideal site for your donated tree. Please note that we currently have several areas designated for memorial trees, mainly in the meadow near the driveway above the burial ground, the periphery of the exit road and the underground gas line, or in the wetter bottomlands below the burial ground. Different tree species have different requirements for sun exposure and soil moisture which will determine where they should be installed. Memorial trees cannot be planted in the burial ground itself.

The main threats to newly-planted trees are consumption by herbivores and lack of water. Donated trees are encouraged to be somewhat sizable (greater than 5 feet in height and/or 2 inches trunk caliper) in order to increase their chance of survival should they be chewed on. PNB will provide protective caging to keep animals from injuring the tree as well. Trees will also need to be “watered in” when they are planted, and may require additional watering during times of drought as the root systems get established. PNB staff will regularly water the trees if the weather is not compliant, but donors are encouraged to water as well. PNB will do our best to ensure the trees’ survival, although we accept no responsibility should they succumb to nature’s whims.

Memorial Tree Species:

The following tree and tall shrub species are approved for planting at PNB. They have been selected as beneficial native species that are also visually appealing. Wild-type trees are preferred, but some natives and non-patented cultivars may be welcome with staff permission. However, if you or your loved one have a preference for an unlisted tree, please ask PNB staff and we may still be able to accommodate it. If you need help choosing a tree we are also happy to assist.

Common Name(s)	Botanical Name	Location	Comments
Silver Maple	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>	Any	Attractive foliage, fast growing
Native Serviceberries	<i>Amelanchier spp.</i>	Varies	Edible fruit, nice flowers
Pawpaw	<i>Asimina triloba</i>	Wet, needs shade	Large edible fruit
Black Birch	<i>Betula nigra</i>	Wet	Interesting bark
Hornbeam, Ironwood, Musclewood	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	Wet, needs shade	Interesting bark
Allegheny Chinkapin, Dwarf Chestnut	<i>Castanea pumila</i>	Dry	Interesting leaves, flowers, and spiky edible nuts
Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	Any	Tall, Interesting bark
Dwarf Hackberry	<i>Celtis pumila</i>	Dry	Interesting bark
Eastern Redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Any	Interesting flowers
Fringetree	<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	Any	Very interesting flowers
American Yellowwood	<i>Cladrastis kentukea</i>	Any, needs sun	Non-local
Pagoda Dogwood	<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	Wet, needs shade	Interesting flowers and branching
Flowering Dogwood, Virginia Dogwood	<i>Cornus florida</i>	Any, needs shade	Interesting flowers
Beaked Hazelnut	<i>Corylus cornuta</i>	Any	Nut producing
Cockspur Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus crus-galli</i>	Any, needs shade	Thorny, edible fruit
October Hawthorn, Summer Haw	<i>Crataegus flava</i>	Any, needs shade	Thorny, edible fruit
American Persimmon	<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	Any	Edible fruit
American Beech	<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	Any, needs shade	Interesting, smooth bark
Carolina Silverbell	<i>Halesia carolina</i>	Any, needs sun	Non-local, interesting flowers.
Witchhazel	<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	Any, needs	Interesting flowers

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Native Hydrangeas	<i>Hydrangea spp.</i>	Varies	Shrubs with attractive flowers
American Holly	<i>Ilex opaca</i>	Any	Spiky leaves, evergreen
Winterberry Holly	<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Any	Attractive fruit
Umbrella Magnolia	<i>Magnolia tripetala</i>	Any, needs shade	Interesting leaves and flowers
Sweetbay Magnolia	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	Any	Interesting flowers
Red Mulberry	<i>Morus rubra</i>	Any	Interesting, edible fruit
Blackgum or Black Tupelo	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Any	Tall, very long-lived, interesting leaves
American Hophornbeam, Ironwood	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	Dry, needs shade	Interesting seed casings
Sourwood, Sorrel tree	<i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i>	Any	Interesting leaves and flowers
Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Any	Shrub with interesting flowers and bark
American Wild Plum	<i>Prunus americana</i>	Wet	Edible fruit, nice flowers
Chickasaw Plum, Cherokee Plum	<i>Prunus angustifolia</i>	Any	Edible fruit, nice flowers
Native Oaks	<i>Quercus spp.</i>	Varies	Tall hardwoods, nice foliage
Pinxter Flower	<i>Rhododendron periclymenoides</i>	Wet	Shrub with attractive flowers
Sassafras	<i>Sassafras albidum</i>	Any	Interesting leaves
Native Viburnums	<i>Viburnum spp.</i>	Varies	Shrubs with interesting leaves