

6. Funerals:

- A) Funerals must be completed by 4 p.m. so we have sufficient time to properly close the grave and remove equipment. Families may help close the grave if they wish. We will supply the shovels and rakes.
- B) All funerals and vehicles will be under the control of *White Eagle Preserve* Stewards.
- C) There will be no public assemblage without written consent of *White Eagle Memorial Preserve*.
- D) No more than 8 vehicles will be allowed out to the Preserve for a funeral service. Packing your cars with as many folks as possible is highly encouraged as the Preserve is a very sensitive and wild area. We are currently developing a group transport system to minimize impacts.
- E) Discharging of firearms during any ceremony is not allowed.
- F) The *White Eagle Memorial Preserve* is at 2500 feet elevation. There will be times in winter where access into the preserve will not be possible due to heavy snow or mud. The burial ground will be closed during these times. It is a common practice in regions where frozen ground and snow create serious access issues, to hold a body in refrigeration until weather and conditions allow. The funeral home in Goldendale near us is available for this purpose.

7. Visitation:

- A) Due to the wild and sensitive nature of this land, *White Eagle Memorial Preserve* is officially open for visitation during daylight hours on the first weekend of every month, Mothers Day, Fathers Day, Memorial Day and the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. We will also be open on a “by appointment basis” to honor special needs and requests.
- B) All visitors must sign in with a steward and carry a map before hiking or driving out to the Preserve. Visitors shall be respectful of all grave sites while walking around the preserve and must stay on trails when walking in the surrounding region. Pets must be kept leashed and in control at all times. (We intend to have a few solar powered carts for rent in the near future in order to keep car traffic to a minimum.)

8. Costs:

- A) Each approximate 20-ft x 20-ft plot sells for \$2200. If you purchase two or more plots, you get a 15% discount on the second plot. We encourage folks to buy plots a head of time and make sure your family and caregivers have copies of your deed.
- B) A 10% charge (\$220) by law, must be collected for our endowment fund which insures the long-term care of the cemetery into the future. Interest from this fund can be drawn by the *White Eagle Memorial Preserve* for various maintenance and restoration activities
- C) There is a \$600 fee (subject to change) for the opening and close of each grave. This includes monitoring the recovery of native plants on the gravesite and watering during the first year if needed.
- D) Pet burials are \$75
- E) Cremated remains buried in a bio-degradeable urn in our inurnment area are \$500. For the scattering of cremated remains along the canyon edge we ask for \$250 donation.

5. Burial Plots & Gravesites

- A) Burial plots are approximately 20 x 20 feet in size. We believe these spacious approximately 400 square foot plots are ideal to protect the wildness and diversity already existing in the Preserve and allow us plenty of room to determine the correct placement of the grave between existing landscape features.
- B) The 20 acres of *White Eagle Memorial Preserve* have been gridded with two-foot, artful, 1/2" thick, iron markers into a network of "regions" each containing up to 36 plots. Each region has been given a name of an indigenous plant or animal species, i.e., cougar, golden eagle, lupine, dragonfly, etc..
- C) Location of graves will be kept in "low tech" manner via distance in feet from grid markers. For instance, if you were visiting your Father who was buried in the Preserve 10 years prior, you would refer to his location as something like the following: In the Raven-Region, find grid marker "2-B" and walk 30 ft towards grid marker "2-C", then make a perpendicular turn to the left and walk 40 ft to center of Raven plot #7. The GPS coordinates of all grave locations will also be logged. Records will be stored both in our Cemetery Master Book and electronically.
- D) In order to schedule a burial with us you must purchase a lot for the deceased unless the deceased has already purchased one. Please provide us with the following information for our records:
 - Name of deceased
 - Age of deceased including birth date if known
 - Date of death
 - Cause of death
 - Time and date of interment
 - If the deceased is not an adult, the names of his or her parent(s) or legal guardian(s)
- E) Typically, only one person may be buried in each plot. However, since our lots are so large, married or partnered couples who have purchased two plots, may choose to be buried close to one another, leaving the other plot vacant and wild.
- F) You may transfer your lot to another person. If you purchase a lot for yourself but, upon death, are cremated or buried elsewhere, then your lot passes to your descendants or those named in your will.
- G) Trails or temporary access lanes may traverse a corner of a burial plot though will never traverse the site of an actual grave.
- H) In this relatively dry region, graves may take many years to settle back to the original ground level and sometimes they will settle unevenly. All graves will be monitored over time for the best ecological "fit" for native plants and the local environment.
- I) *White Eagle Memorial Preserve* and trustees, officers, employees and agents assume no liability for damage, mental anguish, or loss caused by vandalism or other acts beyond its control.
- J) On occasion, the Ekone herd of horses may range across the Preserve as it is an unfenced part of a larger approximately 800 acre spring and fall range.

**White Eagle Memorial Preserve:
a Conservation Burial Ground
Policy and Procedures**

1. Natural Burial:

- A) No embalming
- B) Caskets, if desired, shall be biodegradable, made of locally harvested wood or cardboard. Shrouds made of biodegradable material can be used.
- C) No vaults or grave liners
- D) Native species that have to be removed for internment shall replanted and nourished. Families may assist in grave plantings which must be native seed or plant stock appropriate for the location selected and supplied by the *White Eagle Memorial Preserve*. Plantings will be watered by stewards for the first year and monitored and replanted if necessary. Families will not prune, "weed" or otherwise harm native plants on or near the gravesite. No artificial flowers, vases, statues, or other manufactured decorations are allowed. Any "grace adornments" must be biodegradable and made of ALL natural materials.
- E) Families may not create a trail to the grave site or disturb surrounding landscape in anyway. In the case of large tree blow-down, staff should be notified. In general, however, the trees will not be moved—even if the tree falls on a grave. Dead wood on the forest floor is a vital part of the forest ecosystem. Picking wildflowers is prohibited.

2. Monuments:

- A) Because of our specialized grid and location system, stone markers are not required. If desired, stone memorials must be of native stone, consistent with the geology of the site. We can provide an appropriate stone on request. Stones brought from the outside must be approved prior to placement and must be no bigger than any stone within 50 feet of the grave.
- B) In general, stones should be flat to the ground. Carvings or artwork other than names and dates must be approved by the White Eagle staff. Families may not gather rocks from other areas of the preserve. No construction of stone piles please. In some cases, to create a more natural look, more than one stone can be used to create monument, but such a marker must be pre-approved.

3. Cremated Remains:

- A) Cremated remains can be spread in certain areas pre-approved by staff.
- B) Urns containing cremated remains may be placed underground in our special inurnment area by a small pond.

4. Pets:

- A) We have special small plot areas for pets
- B) We encourage pets who have died naturally to be "placed" on the edge of Rock Creek Canyon (off limits to burial) and consumed by the wild creatures.