



Natural Burial

at the Cumberland Cemetery

A unique place

Natural burial is not new to the Cumberland cemetery. It's a historic cemetery, established in 1895, and the resting place of generations of Cumberlanders. Grave vaults and liners have never been required. The landscape is rolling and dry, the ground covered with moss and kinnikinnick. The natural burial area is new in 2018 and has some special features.

Memorialization

Staying true to the principles of natural burial, memorialization will take place on a common monument of black tusk basalt accented with native plantings.

Landscaping after burial

Each fall, landscaping will be planted over recent graves to restore the natural habitat of the surrounding forest. The plantings include Douglas fir, Pacific dogwood, Douglas maple, white pine, huckleberry, flowering red currant, and creeping Oregon grape.

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Natural Burial Options

Burial options include graves for one full burial and a second burial of cremated remains, and smaller graves near the treeline for two sets of cremated remains.

Burials take place sequentially and graves are assigned following the cemetery layout plan once a death has occurred. This allows the landscape to be planted each year as burials take place.

Full burial can take place in casket or shroud made of biodegradable and environmentally sustainable materials. Cremation burials may be placed without a container or in a biodegradable container.

Family and friends may participate in a burial on their own or through a funeral services provider.

Cost

Fees for natural burial cover costs to prepare and close a grave, to landscape the lot with native plantings, for an inscription on the memorial monument, and to maintain the cemetery.

For a resident of a community **outside** Cumberland (2024) before taxes

	Right of interment, including a care fund contribution*	Preparation and close of a lot**	Landscaping***	Memorial inscription (optional)
Full burial of human remains	\$1746.67	\$1182.48	\$281.54	\$461.94
Burial of cremated remains	\$635.15	\$281.54	\$140.77	\$461.94

For a Cumberland resident (2024)

	Right of interment, including a care fund contribution*	Preparation and close of a lot**	Landscaping***	Memorial inscription (optional)
Full burial of human remains	\$1349.15	\$1069.86	\$281.54	\$461.94
Burial of cremated remains	\$476.08	\$225.23	\$140.77	\$461.94

* may be prepaid

** additional fees may apply for weekend and evening services

*** landscaping fee is paid for the first interment in a grave only



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