



What is Green Burial?

Green (or natural) burial supports the earth's ecosystem.

- Green burial grounds are naturally wooded with walking trails to allow gravesite visitation in a peaceful, lightly forested setting.
- Embalming with toxic chemicals is prohibited. Instead, refrigeration or nontoxic embalming methods preserve the body from death until burial.
- Wasteful concrete burial vaults are not allowed.
- Grave markers, when used, are made of native stone or wood and installed flush with the ground surface.
- Natural burial uses little energy and the body and coffin nourish plant growth as they decompose.
- We also inter cremated remains at Penn Forest.

Who We Are

Penn Forest Natural Burial Park is Pennsylvania's first "green burial only" cemetery and is committed to creating a beautiful burial park where nature is at the forefront. In addition to being a green cemetery, we set aside about a third of the land as a nature preserve providing habitat for native wildlife and plants.

Penn Forest is on 30-acres of land bordering Plum Creek and populated with trees and native wildflowers and grasses. Opening the summer of 2011, Penn Forest will offer burial lots for both full body and cremated remains. We are proudly located in the community of Penn Hills, close to Verona and Oakmont, just outside of Pittsburgh. People of all faiths are welcomed.

Our Values

At Penn Forest Natural Burial Park we believe in...

- Protecting and restoring our natural environment
- Providing a natural and beautiful burial ground for all to visit
- Respecting families' funeral and other end-of-life choices
- Closure for family members after the death of a loved one
- Honoring our need for a "place" for mourning

Learn More

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