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Downeast Coastal Conservancy Memorial Bench Program

Downeast Coastal Conservancy (DCC) preserves and trails are special places for many people. DCC offers a Memorial Bench program to accommodate requests to honor the people or organizations that have made a difference in our community. Memorial benches allow your loved one's memory to live on, and your contribution will be a great enhancement to DCC's preserves.

For a minimum \$2,000 donation, your request will place a bench with a dedicated plaque at a designated location at one of DCC's preserves for a five-year period. After five years, you will have the opportunity to renew this wonderful gift to your honoree.

Memorial Bench Policy Agreement

- *Purchase of any bench in no way constitutes personal ownership. The bench installations shall be maintained by DCC. Maintenance includes cleaning, minor repairs, and re-staining.*
- *DCC shall not be held responsible for loss or damage to the bench including but not limited to theft, vandalism, or weather. If the gift becomes a hazard/liability, the bench may be removed and/or relocated.*
- *Efforts will be made to accommodate a donor's choice of location. Exact placement is not guaranteed and DCC reserves the right to relocate the bench, if necessary.*
- *There is only one choice for bench design available. The total bench fee including the cost of the plaque, additional shipping fees, transportation to the site and installation of the bench shall be paid in full following the notification of the applications approval. The total bench fee is not refundable under any circumstances once the plaque and bench have been ordered.*
- *All language used on the recognition plaque is subject to DCC approval, and number of words will be limited.*
- *Reasonable efforts shall be made to accommodate a sponsor's wish for the timing of an installation. However, due to considerations regarding special events, weather, staff scheduling, or other unknown activities that may occur at the site, bench installation dates shall not be guaranteed.*

Please complete the information below. After we receive the application, a DCC representative will contact you to finalize details.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Please Check Memorial Phrase: ☐ In Memory Of ☐ In Honor Of ☐ Dedicated To

Name of Honoree: _____

Text (wording for plaque – must be approved by DCC): _____

Approximate Location Request: _____

☐ I have read the Agreement Policy and I agree to the terms and conditions therein.

Sign

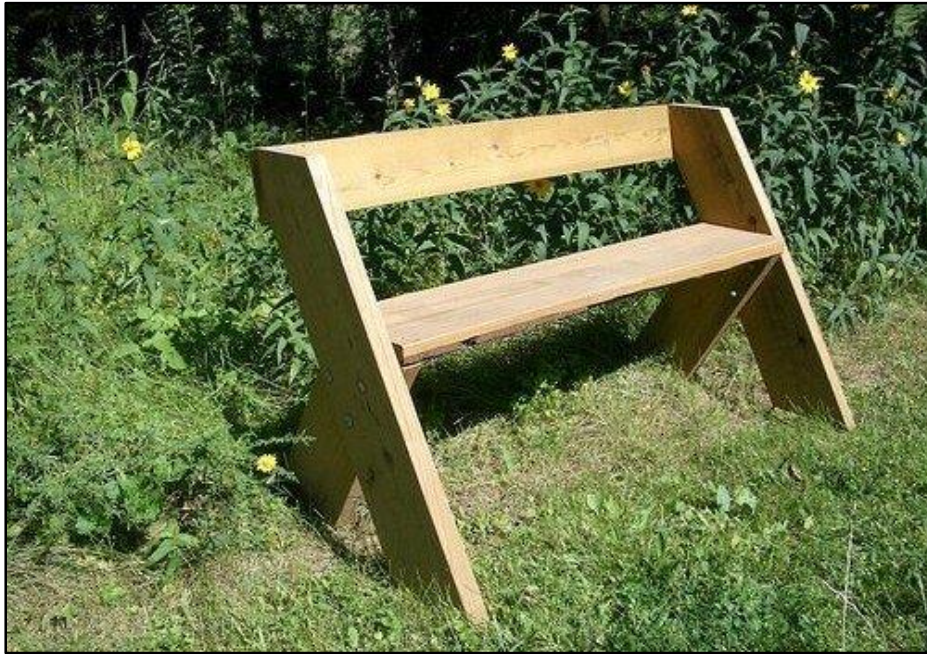
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The Story of the Leopold Bench

A functional and classic design, these ubiquitous outdoor benches are attributed to Aldo Leopold. Leopold, an internationally-recognized scientist and gifted writer, penned the non-technical classic, *A Sand County Almanac* in 1949. Using short stories, the *Almanac* is regarded as one of the century's foremost books of the conservation and environmental movement, examining humanity's relationship to the natural world. It has become one of the most respected books about the environment ever published, and Leopold is regarded by many as the most influential conservation thinker of the 20th century.

The memorial plaque will be placed at the center of the bench at a prominent location on the landscape. These benches will provide visitors to DCC preserves with an excellent option for rest and reflection upon the Downeast landscape – an aspect of outdoor recreation that Mr. Leopold found essential for a true connection to nature.

"We abuse land because we see it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect." — Aldo Leopold