

# Your Upcoming Forest Memorial in Rock River

## Arrival at the forest

The address for the forest is [1950 N River Rd, Oregon, IL 61061](#).

Please let us know if you have any questions about timing for travel.

For more information about how to get to the forest, and places to stay and eat in the area, [read our full directions](#).

## Important things to know

- The entire forest is a non-smoking and non-vaping property for health and safety reasons. Due to forest service regulations, no sparks are allowed in the forest. This includes BBQs, candles, incense sticks and burning of sage. The fine from the USFS for this is up to \$5,000 per instance.
- Weather can change suddenly in the forest – we recommend layering with a warm jacket and long pants and wearing comfortable, closed-toe shoes as the forest trails can be wet and steep in some places.

## What to expect

After your group gathers, we'll begin by gently combining your loved one's ashes with native forest soil. You're welcome to observe or participate as you wish.

We'll then make our way to the memorial tree. Walking sticks, and UTV are available upon request.

At the tree, the memorial will last about 30–60 minutes. Benches will be available, and guests are invited to help spread ashes and sow native wildflower seeds. You'll have private time at the tree before we conclude.

Afterward, you're welcome to explore the forest.

**If you have any questions please call our care team at 628-237-3922 or email [care@betterplaceforests.org](mailto:care@betterplaceforests.org).**

We look forward to seeing you in the forest!



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## What to expect

After your group has gathered we will begin by combining your loved one's ashes with native soil from the forest. You are welcome to observe and participate in this process as much or as little as you would like.

We will then proceed to the tree together. Walking sticks and a mobility quad are available to make this experience comfortable for you and your family. If you would prefer a ride to the tree we'd be happy to accommodate, just let us know in advance.

At the tree, we will gather and stand at the tree for approximately 30-60 minutes; please note that benches will be available for anyone who would like to sit during this time. During the forest memorial, guests will have the opportunity to participate in the spreading of ashes beneath the tree. You will be offered to sow native wildflower seeds and have private time at the tree without the Better Place Forests team at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Afterward, you are welcome to explore the forest.

**If you have any questions please call or text our Rock River forest team directly at (815) 247-2487 or email at [rock.river@betterplaceforests.org](mailto:rock.river@betterplaceforests.org).**

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