



COMMEMORATIVE BENCH PROGRAM

The Friends of Birds Hill Park Commemorative Bench program offers a unique opportunity to celebrate a person or occasion by dedicating a bench in Birds Hill Park. Commemorative benches can be donated to pay tribute to births, deaths, anniversaries, birthdays, retirements or special events. Whatever the occasion, the legacy is yours to give. The program is coordinated by Friends of Birds Hill Park in cooperation with Birds Hill Provincial Park. Every bench provides Park visitors a place to rest or relax while also representing a lasting tribute.

CONSTRUCTION & LOCATION: The benches are made from cedar on a metal frame and installed using concrete to anchor the unit in place. The location of a bench will be affected by Park management plans and site restrictions, paying particular attention to environmental/ecological issues. Donors may select from the list of potential sites for bench installation provided by Park management. Efforts will be made to accommodate the request of the donor, however, there are a limited number of bench sites available each year and final decisions are subject to Park approval.

PLAQUES: A 3" x 9" laser engraved black granite plaque is included with your commemorative bench and is placed on the backrest. The plaque will carry the Friends of Birds Hill Park logo on the left hand side. You are asked to specify your preferred wording on the order form. Common phrases used include 'In memory of...', 'In honour of...', 'To commemorate...'. Friends of Birds Hill Park will coordinate ordering the plaque on your behalf and approves the wording.

FEES: The minimum donation for a commemorative bench is \$800 which includes the engraved plaque and is tax deductible. Friends of Birds Hill Park is a charitable organization and will provide an official receipt for income tax purposes. Benches and plaques become the property of Birds Hill Provincial Park and will be maintained for a period of 15 years at no additional cost to the donor. Thereafter, continued use of the bench will be at the discretion of Park management. After 15 years from the time of installation, donors may contact Friends of Birds Hill Park to renew a bench at the fees in place at the time of contact.

HOW TO ORDER: Please complete the order form on page 3 and return it with your payment of \$800. Identify the general location where you'd like the bench placed, based on the areas indicated on the attached map. If you have a specific site preference within one of the general area available, check the appropriate box and we will provide further details to help you determine availability of that site. All commemorative bench orders with payment received by July 15th will be installed by October 31st of the same calendar year. You will be advised when the installation is complete.

For more information contact:

Shelley Morris 204-795-2000 shelley.morris@mts.net

OR

Friends of Birds Hill Park info@FriendsOfBirdsHillPark.ca



Commemorative Bench Location Options in Birds Hill Park (see related map with letters marking potential locations -best viewed electronically with zoom function)

- Middle of west drive, north (exit) side (A)
- West traffic circle (intersection of west, north & south drives) (B)
- North drive near Cedar Bog turnoff (BB); between Cedar Bog and Chickadee Trails (AA)
- Group Use Area # 1: Across info booth, near entrance (Z); west (Y) & east (W) sides of the large loop; on north point of road that runs north/south through the Group Use Area (X)
- Entrance drive to East Beach (K); several locations on bike trail near east (L,M,N) and west (R,Q,P,O) beach parking lots and on west (S,T,U) & east sides of lake (J) and bike path to the campground (F,V)
- South Drive, south of Festival Drive on west (I, G) & east (H,G) sides; between West traffic circle and White Tailed Deer Trail (C,D,E)





Commemorative Bench Program Order Form

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Province: _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

General Location (please specify letter from map to indicate preferred general location) _____

Specific Location (not required unless you wish to locate your bench in a specific location)

If a specific location is desired, a meeting with Park administration will be needed to confirm location details. During meeting with Park, description of site should be agreed to, outlined below and signed by each party.

Customer Signature

Park Signature

Date

Plaque Inscription

Check
ONE

Please Clearly Print the Name of the Person to be Honoured

In Honour Of

In Memory Of

To Commemorate

Donated By

Other (please specify)

The plaque is laser engraved 3" x 9" black granite and will be centered on the backrest of the bench. You will be asked to sign off on a proof of the plaque inscription. All benches ordered and paid for by July 15th will be installed by October 31st of the calendar year in which the bench is ordered.

Tax deductible donation of \$800 payable by cheque to Friends of Birds Hill Park.

Return form with payment to:

**Friends of Birds Hill Park c/o Shelley Morris,
110 Dorcon Drive, East St. Paul MB, R2E 0H6**