

Locksley Cemetery

Green Burial

In October of 2023, an MOU was signed between Green Burial Ottawa Valley and Calvin United, creating the first Green Burial area in Renfrew County at Locksley United Cemetery. This cemetery has designated a beautiful corner of the cemetery as the non-denominational Green Burial area - surrounded by trees, the centre area will be naturalised with native wildflowers and plants. This will eventually be a nature sanctuary: an uplifting place to visit and have remembrance.



Anyone in Ontario or Quebec is able to be buried there.

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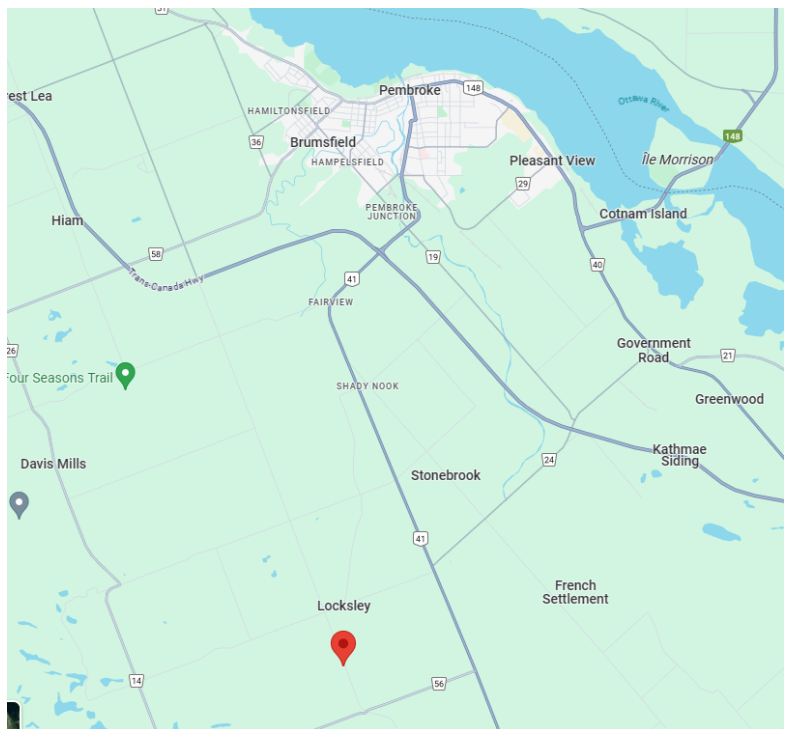
The Green Burial section is located within Locksley United Cemetery, located at [731 B Line Rd, Pembroke, ON](#).

The cemetery is one acre, with 1/8 acre designated as a green burial section, with the possibility of expansion. Currently there are 75 plots in the green burial area.

As this is a section in an existing cemetery, plots are available for purchase immediately. Winter burial is also available, with an added fee.

Locksley Cemetery, accepts burial in shrouds and/or handmade caskets. The individual plot size is 9 ft x 3 ft.

Communal memorialisation is planned. All burials will be added to the communal memorial, this is included in the cost of interment. The option of engraving a local stone, not larger than 25lbs is also possible. Contact the cemetery manager for details.



The green burial area will be naturalised with local native plants, to promote the regeneration of the ground, above as well as below. There is no planting at the grave site.

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Fees:

Plot/Interment

- The cost is \$2400 for the plot (interment rights)
- Interment rights can and should be purchased in advance.

Upon purchase of Interment rights, you will receive from Locksley Cemetery :

- A copy of the cemetery bylaws
- A certificate of interment rights
- Conditions of Contract.

At the time of Burial (to be paid to the Cemetery Manager of Locksley) :

- Opening and closing of the grave: \$1400 (plus winter premium of \$500 if applicable)
- Cemetery Administration costs: \$500
- Cemetery Supervision fee: \$250

The usual Consumer Protection Rights apply: 30 days to change your mind, in which case you contact the Cemetery Manager. As per Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) laws which govern cemeteries in Ontario, 40% of the plot fee goes to a Care & Maintenance (C & M) fund off the top, which is kept in trust for the cemetery to use for maintenance. If you change your mind, **after** 30 days, each cemetery's bylaws determine whether or not you can transfer or sell your plot. At Locksley Cemetery, you cannot sell your plot to someone else, however Locksley Cemetery will buy back your plot, minus a minimum of 40%, as Locksley is not able to refund out of the C & M fund.

Payment for the plot is by cheque payable to **Locksley United Cemetery**. Please send to Glenn Pearson, Cemetery Manager.

Glenn Pearson (Cemetery Manager of Calvin United and Locksley United)
244 Zanders Rd, Pembroke, ON, K8A 6W8

If you have questions for Glenn please contact him directly:

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Green Burial Ottawa Valley (GBOV) continues to advocate for green burial in other communities, as well as promoting the green burial area at Locksley. GBOV is also providing guidance to the Locksley Cemetery management team on the naturalisation and layout of the Green Burial area.

GBOV is a group of volunteers who have been working for the better part of 9 years to see green burial available closer to home for folks in the Ottawa Valley. There is still much work to be done, as ideally, there would be green burial available in every community.

Please visit their website for further details: greenburialottawavalley.ca

Or email: info@greenburialottawavalley.ca

Donations to help GBOV continue their work are welcome.

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What is NOT included:

Casket/Shroud & Support Board (A support board of natural decomposable materials is helpful for carrying the shrouded body and lowering it into the ground.)

Transportation to and from the Cemetery

Funeral

Paperwork

Individual stone marker (optional)

None of the above items or services are provided by Locksley Cemetery, please contact your local funeral homes to ask if they offer these services. Some are familiar with green burial, others are not. Please take the time to contact more than one.

These things, in most people's experience, are done by funeral homes. You can take care of some of these things yourself, as per Ontario law, however this all takes advance planning.

Discuss your wishes with your loved ones.

Communication

If your family and friends are not aware of your wishes, it is highly unlikely that at the time of your death, a shift to something completely unfamiliar to them will be easy or possible. Therefore please speak to your family and friends for example, if you envision friends/family/community members caring for/preparing your body, waking you at home, a home funeral... etc

Funeral

There are local funeral homes which are getting more familiar with natural/green burial and the specific needs involved. However this is a learning curve for all. Usually funeral homes charge a minimum coordination/ administration fee as a starting point and all specific arrangements are added to that fee.

Transportation

In Ontario, family members are allowed to transport their loved one's body to a cemetery, or have a home funeral or wake. **However this needs pre-planning and discussion:** for example, if you die in a hospital, it is often the case that hospitals are used to dealing with funeral homes for transportation and storage before burial. As you are not being embalmed for green burial, storage and/or cooling is needed, and arranged, for a timely burial. Optimally, folks get buried within 3 days - and as it takes time to put things in place, please.....**Plan ahead and get help for advocating what you wish for.**

Donations to GBOV can be sent as an e-transfer, through their website www.greenburialottawavalley.ca (options to use credit card or debit) or directly to treasurer@greenburialottawavalley.ca

or as a cheque to:

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