Bequests and other testamentary gifts by generous friends have been a significant source of financial support for National Park Trust (NPT) for over 30 years. The continuation and expansion of this tradition of remembrance will contribute to National Park Trust’s future financial strength and ongoing excellence in park stewardship and youth outdoor education.

A notification to NPT in writing, ideally by completing the Legacy Intention form qualifies you as a member of the Bison Legacy Society, created to recognize and thank donors whose foresight is building the future of the national parks.

You can make a specific gift of cash, securities, real estate or other property through your will or trust instrument. You can also designate National Park Trust as the beneficiary of all or part of the remainder of your estate left over after arrangements for loved ones and estate finances are satisfied. Another way to include National Park Trust in your estate plan is to name NPT as a beneficiary of your retirement plan, life insurance policy or bank and investment accounts. If you want to make a legacy gift but need to take care of others first, simply make your gift contingent on another circumstance, such as the death of a spouse or other primary beneficiaries.

Your legacy gift may qualify your estate for an estate tax charitable deduction. Always consult your attorney or qualified advisor to ensure the best option for your situation.

Sample Bequest Language

“I give (__________________ dollars) or (a specific asset, such as securities, real estate or other property) or (______percent of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate) to National Park Trust in Rockville, Maryland, Tax ID#: 52-1691924 (for its general purposes) or (for the following purpose): ________________”

Unrestricted gifts allow National Park Trust to allocate funds to areas of greatest need, however you may designate your bequest for a particular purpose or use by a specific program or geographic area. In order to ensure that the evolving needs of NPT are met, it is advisable to include the following language with restricted gifts:

“In the event that at some future time due to changed circumstances, in the judgment of the National Park Trust board, it becomes impractical to apply my bequest to the designated purpose(s), the National Park Trust board shall make such modifications as will appropriately recognize my interests in coordination with National Park Trust’s priorities.”

To formalize your bequest intention, please complete and return the form on the back of this sheet, or otherwise notify us in writing, using the contact information below.

For more detailed information on including National Park Trust in your estate plan, please contact Erin Mezgar, chief development officer, at Erin@parktrust.org or 301-279-7275 ext. 15.
Documenting Your Legacy Intention

In order to support the mission of National Park Trust, I have included a charitable bequest to National Park Trust as part of my estate plan.

__________________________
Name

__________________________  ____________________________
Address  City  State  Zip

__________________________  ____________________________
Preferred Telephone  Today’s Date

__________________________
Email

__________________________
Date of Birth (for gift recognition)

Optional information:

_____ A copy of the relevant provision of my will, trust or beneficiary designation form is attached

_____ A description of my legacy gift follows (type of asset, approximate value):

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_____ If I make any change to this provision, I plan to notify National Park Trust of such change.

Thank you and welcome to the Bison Legacy Society!

You are joining a group of special supporters who, like you, want to continue making a difference for the parks long into the future. Your legacy gift will help to ensure that future generations can share your love for these special places. From time to time we will send you invitations or interest items in thanks for including us in your plans. We would also like to list you with other Bison Legacy Society members in our materials. We want to celebrate your inspiring dedication to our precious national parks!

_____ Yes, please list me as a member of the Bison Legacy Society.

_____ I prefer to be listed anonymously.

_____ Please send me more information about NPT legacy giving

_____ I have questions or comments. Please contact me at the number-email above.

Please submit this form to:

National Park Trust
401 E. Jefferson St.  Suite 207
Rockville, MD 20850

Thank you for including the National Park Trust in your estate plans!

We are very pleased to report that in fiscal year 2018, 88.6% of our resources were used for our programs. We received a Top Rated ranking of A from Charity Watch, meet all 20 standards of the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance, and have been designated as "one of the best" by the Catalogue for Philanthropy. NPT is also a Platinum-Level GuideStar Exchange participant, demonstrating a commitment to transparency. National Park Trust, Inc. is a non-profit tax-exempt 501(c)(3) corporation. Tax ID#:52-1691924.