

Memorial and Honorary Benches

Donating a bench for the Main Street to the Mountains trail system is a wonderful way to honor a loved one. Benches provide enjoyment to many trail users and create a lasting legacy. Gallatin Valley Land Trust staff will work with you and the land manager for the trail you choose to select an appropriate location with good access and views. We will also work with you to create and install a permanent plaque on the bench with an inscription of your choice.

Location Planning & Approval. Contact GVLT to explore the best location for a bench honoring your loved one. We maintain a list of potential bench locations on the Main Street to the Mountains trails. Some bench locations on our list have been pre-approved, while others may require approval by the Bozeman Parks Department, Gallatin County Parks & Recreation and/or a homeowners association. Once a location is chosen and approved, we will work with you to site the bench for the best possible access and views.

Construction & Installation. GVLT uses benches constructed from recycled plastic that are designed to blend with the environment and retain their aesthetics in all weather conditions. The benches are long-lasting and require minimal maintenance. GVLT will order and install the bench for you.

Inscriptions. The benches are designed with an inset space for a plaque that can be inscribed with a quote, special memory, or epigraph. You tell us what words to use, and we will have the plaque made and installed. Plaques can contain up to 250 characters. Our policy does not allow religious inscriptions.

Cost. GVLT will install your bench, including plaque, for a contribution of \$2,000. This donation covers all the bench costs and also helps support improvement and maintenance of the trail your bench is located on. In some cases, bench donations are an important funding source for new trail construction projects. GVLT is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and your gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



A typical memorial bench installed at the Snowfill Recreation Area.

Current Bench Locations Available

- East Gallatin Recreation Area
- Triple Tree Trail
- Bridger Creek Trail
- Pollinator Garden (Galligator Trail @ Langohr Park)

Please contact us to discuss additional bench locations.

Please contact GVLT to learn more about donating a bench to honor a loved one.