



Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail Furniture Donation Program

The donation program for the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail is being managed by the Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes who is responsible for the funding of the operations and maintenance of the trail. This program provides an opportunity for an individual, family, business, group etc to donate trail furniture to further enhance amenities for the users of the trail and support the operations and maintenance of the trail.

The program offers three types of furniture for donation:

- 1. Bench with Seatback / 48in length / wood construction / \$2500.**
- 2. Picnic Table / approx. 72in length / wood construction / \$4500.**
- 3. Bicycle Rack / approx. 72in length / wood and metal construction / \$4500.**

All furniture items will be fabricated and installed as requests are received. A request will be deemed complete upon receipt of donation to initiate the fabrication. The donation of a furniture item is for a term of 20 years.

The bench and picnic table will be accessible and provide the appropriate location, placement and setting for accessibility use and companion seating.

Furniture donations may be made by:

- Individuals, Families, Couples, Partners
- Businesses, Non-profits, Groups
- In memory of . . .
- In recognition of . . .
- In honor of . . .

Each item type will have a designated location along the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail. The placement and location for each type of furniture item is determined by the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in collaboration with the Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes. Location requests will be considered but cannot be promised.

Trail furniture will be fabricated and installed to be compatible with the materials and techniques utilized in the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. All furniture will be maintained by the Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes for the life of the furniture item.



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Each furniture item will have a distinctive identifier, such as:

- Bench, the name of a *native wildflower*
- Picnic Table, the name of a *native animal [mammal]*
- Bike Rack, the name of a *native tree*

These identifiers will be engraved into the furniture items. Due to National Park Service guidelines, a name of a person, business etc. cannot be placed on a donated item located in the Lakeshore. Recognition for the donation will be provided through two opportunities:

- Name on a designated panel for trail donations to the Lakeshore, located within the Philip A. Hart Visitor Center in Empire, MI.

The recognition names on the panels will be updated annually with the new donors.

Additionally, the trail furniture donation will be on the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail Interactive Map [iMAP] which will allow the donor to post pictures and tell their story or make comments regarding their memory, or why they support the trail etc. There will also be a link that the donor can forward to share with friends and family. The Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail website is sbhtmap.org.

The donor will receive documentation for the:

- Furniture item
- Distinctive identifier name
- Location along the Heritage Trail [gps]
- Photo image of furniture item installed
- Photo image of donor recognition
- Donation receipt from friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes



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Request Application

Name of Requestor: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

eMail Address: _____

Donation Item: **Bench** **Picnic Table** **Bike Rack**

Donation Amount: _____ [Check only]

Name for Recognition Panel: _____

[one line, limit to 50 characters including spaces and punctuation]

Special Request / Instructions:

Please forward request to:

**Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes
9922 W. Front Street
P.O.Box 545
Empire, MI 49630
Attention: Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail Furniture Program**

For any inquiries, information or questions, please email info@friendsofsleepingbear.org

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