

## Memorial Bench Program

As an alternative to the Tree Legacy Program, the Memorial Bench Program offers donors the opportunity to purchase a bench in honor of a loved one. The benches are placed in areas of need throughout the Town's parks and along paved trails. The benches are 6 feet wide and have a powder-coat finish in the same color as other permanent fixtures in the area. Memorial plaques inset in the bench include the honoree's names.

## Interpretive panels

An interpretive panel is a permanent signboard placed along a trail as an environmental or historical educational tool. The signs provide information to trail users on topics such as wildlife, birds, wild flowers, butterflies, geology, trees and items of historical significance. The cost includes the work of a graphic artist who designs the layout of artwork and text to create the sign. This price also includes the pedestal post and shipping.



## Donations

The Castle Rock Parks and Recreation Department welcomes donations as part of the POST Partners program. We also welcome individuals, groups and businesses to purchase items from the department's wish list or to make a financial contribution toward the purchase of items or park improvements. Such items include playground equipment, mulch, picnic tables, ballfield mix, grills, trash receptacles, kiosks, recycling carts, bulletin boards, land restoration materials, plants, trees and more.

Donations can also be made to the Keepers of the Rock for their continued service in maintaining Rock Park. Contributions also help with replacing the flag on top of the Rock.

Prices for these items vary each year, as vendor rates change. Quotes include the item, labor and installation. Pricing and location options are available by calling the Parks and Recreation Department, 303-814-7456.

The Parks and Recreation Department will do its best to place the items in the requested locations and to maintain the characteristics of these items. Parks and Recreation staff is not responsible for theft, damage and replacement, nor can the department guarantee the future health of plant materials.

Memorial items may no longer be placed at Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Call 720-733-3505, and ask the general manager for details.

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# Donations Sponsorships Memorials



# Tree Legacy Program

We know how difficult it is to lose a loved one and how important it is to keep his or her memory alive and growing. That's why the Town of Castle Rock's POST Partners Program developed the Tree Legacy Program. Donors can choose from one of the trees listed here. It will be planted at a Town park or along a trail for a nominal fee that includes labor. The Town and donor work together to find the right place for the tree, ensuring proper irrigation and water sources. The recipient's family receives a letter, acknowledging the memorial, and a gold leave is placed on the Tree Legacy Program memorial plaque at Town Hall. Transplanting seasons are in the spring and late fall, when trees are dormant.

## Southwestern White Pine (*Pinus strobiformis*)



This tree is native to Colorado and grows well in a variety of soils, preferring full sun and well-drained soil. It has low-to-moderate water needs and is drought tolerant once established. It grows about 1 foot per year. Young trees are dense, symmetrical and pyramidal in form and will eventually reach 35-50 feet high. It has an open irregular crown with long, horizontal branches with a mature spread of

20-30 feet. The needles of this pine are in fascicles (bundles of five). They are soft, bluish-green and 2.5-4 inches long. They are susceptible to salt spray and should not be planted too close to roads. The oval cones are 3-10 inches long with thick scales, distinguished by a curled lip. They are light brown in color and fall off when mature. The seeds are wingless and are food for small mammals and birds.

## Flowering Crabapple (*Malus*)



These are popular ornamental trees in Colorado landscapes, growing in the 15-25 foot range. Crabapple blossoms appear in April and May, depending on variety and elevation. Some varieties of crabapple have showy fall leaf colors, ranging from yellow to orange to red and purple. Crabapples are small- to medium-size trees. They are well adapted to many

soil types but appear to do best in clay loams and sandy clay loams. These trees should be planted in full sun and where other nearby trees will not shade them excessively. Crabapples flower and fruit best in full sun, but can tolerate light shade. These trees are fairly tolerant to drought once established, needing only 15 to 20 inches of moisture annually. They are best in mulched beds, receiving drip irrigation as opposed to turf areas where they are generally subjected to more water and fertilizer than they need, often resulting in more incidence of disease. Crabapples are fairly strong-wooded and suffer little ice or snow damage.

## Linden (Littleleaf, *Tilia cordata*)



This tree grows at a moderate rate in sun or partial shade; will tolerate alkaline soil if it is moist; and transplants well. It is not particularly tolerant of summer drought, scorching at the leaf margins. However, little long-term harm comes from the scorching. The tree has a dense, symmetrical crown. It is sensitive to road salt. The Linden grows 50-60 feet high and 40 feet wide, with an oval shape. Leaves are highly distinguishable by their asymmetrical heart-shape. The tree also bears tiny pea-shaped fruit that hangs from a greenish-yellow bract and contain many seeds. Fragrant yellow flowers appear in the summer and attract numerous bees.

## Blue Spruce (*Picea pungens*)



This magnificent silver blue-green spruce is the Colorado state tree. The Blue Spruce is a slow-growing tree, ultimately reaching 50-75 feet tall and measuring 10-20 feet wide. It is a conical evergreen conifer with scaly grey bark. Leaves are waxy grey-green, measure up to 1-inch-long and are arranged radially on the tree shoots, curving upwards. The 4-inch pale brown cones are characteristic of this tree.

## Hackberry/Sugarberry (*Celtis laevigata*)



A good landscaping choice, this tree tolerates most conditions and is well-suited to urban areas. It has light green summer foliage that turns to yellow in the fall. This tree produces small, dark-red berries that turn purple as they mature. Various birds and mammals feed on the berries after the berries ripen in the fall. The Hackberry grows to be between 40 and 70 feet tall with an arching, broad crown and a 30-40-foot spread.

## Norway Maple (*Acer platanoides*)



This tree transplants readily, tolerates a wide range of soil conditions and withstands a hot and dry climate. A broad deciduous tree, the Norway grows up to 90 feet in height, with broadly-rounded crown. The leaves are opposite, palmately lobed with five wavy-toothed points. The fruit is a double samara with two winged seeds.