Cape Cod National Seashore



Contributions to Cape Cod National Seashore

The National Park Service welcomes and encourages support from the private sector to supplement public funds appropriated by Congress. Donations come to the National Park Service from individuals, organizations, foundations, corporations, and businesses purely as expressions of support, in response to the donor's awareness of needs. Whatever the motivation, private sector funds and in-kind contributions enhance the ability of the National Park Service to carry out its programs and activities. The National Park Service recognizes and appreciates this support.

National Park Service Director's Order #21 governs donation and fundraising policy. Cape Cod National Seashore is obligated to carry out its donation program in accordance with this policy. We receive numerous requests each year for information about memorial contributions. These are contributions made to Cape Cod National Seashore in memory of an individual.

Monetary contributions

The park maintains a general donation account into which memorial contributions and donations commemorating occassions are deposited. The donor receives acknowledgement from the park, and an individual establishing a memorial contribution receives a listing from the park of those who contribute. These funds are used at the park's discretion for interpretive, educational or research projects. Large donations may be earmarked for specific projects determined mutually by the donor and the park. Direct contributions can be sent to Cape Cod National Seashore, 99 Marconi Site Road, Wellfleet, MA 02667. Checks should be made out to the National Park Service.

Donations of items

Cape Cod National Seashore accepts donations of goods that support park needs and park programs. These may include such things as interpretive exhibits, items for the curatorial collection, picnic tables and beach wheel chairs. The park cannot memorialize or name a feature or facility for an individual. The placement of benches at scenic overlooks is a common request. That need has currently been met, and the park does not intend to place additional benches. Individuals wishing to donate an item should contact the park to ensure that it meets a park need.

Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore

The purpose of this non-profit organization is to fund and organize projects and activities that help preserve and enhance the national seashore and enrich the experience of visitors. The group accepts memorial contributions. For more information, write to Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore, P.O. Box 550, Wellfleet, MA 02667.

For more information about memorial contributions, call (508) 349-3785 ext. 230.