



IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Cumberland Gap National Historical Park
91 Bartlett Park Road
Middlesboro, KY 40965



To those grieving a loved one,

Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss. Cumberland Gap National Historical Park is honored to serve as a final resting place for the cremated remains (cremains) of your loved one. No fees are required to scatter ashes in the park. However, you must obtain permission pursuant to 36 CFR 2.62(b). ***This letter serves as that permission, provided you read and adhere to the following conditions:***

- The person scattering the cremains must have a printed copy of this letter in their possession. This letter serves as the physical authorization needed to permit scattering of ashes.
- ***If more than 25 people will be in attendance, an additional special use permit is required (36 CFR 2.51).*** Please call 606-248-2817 for information and allow at least 45 days to process this additional permit.
- Ashes must not have detectable remains. Cremation must have been completed in accordance with state law.
- Ashes may not be scattered at the Pinnacle Overlook, White Rocks, or inside any cave located in the park including Skylight Cave, Gap Cave, and Sand Cave (36 CFR 2.1).
- The chosen site must be no less than 300 feet away from buildings, towers, caves, sinkholes, historic sites including historic structures and cemeteries, streams, wetlands, or other watercourses (36 CFR 2.1, 2.14).
- The chosen site must be no less than 150 feet away from mowed or developed areas such as roads, overlooks, trails, campgrounds, and picnic areas.
- Ashes must be scattered, not piled in one location or deposited in any type of container. Cremains may not be buried, even without a container. All identifying tags and containers in which ashes are carried must be disposed of outside the park (36 CFR 2.14, 2.22).
- No rocks, plants, or other natural resources may be moved, stacked, cut, marked, damaged, or disturbed in any way (36 CFR 2.1).
- No walls, bridges, buildings, signs, historic sites, or other cultural resources or facilities may be marked or damaged in any way.
- No markers or memorials of any kind are permitted. Placement or planting of real or artificial flowers, memorial trees, brass markers, wooden crosses, or other items is prohibited (36 CFR 2.62).
- No birds, butterflies, or other objects may be released [36 CFR 2.1 (2)].

Scattering of ashes should be planned as a small private affair held away from high visitor use areas. Please use care to avoid disturbing other park visitors.

We hope the serene mountains and forests of Cumberland Gap National Historical Park serve as a beautiful memorial for your loved one and as a source of comfort for you and your family.

Sincerely,

Lisa Baldwin
Superintendent

