

Kessler Woods is an area dedicated to indigenous plantings such as Bootlebrush grass, Golden Alexanders, Black Eyed Susan, Partridge Pea, Tioga Deer Tongue, Autumn and many others.



Memorialization options are available within Kessler Woods. Your Washington Park staff will gladly review your natural options.

Only bodies that are not embalmed or have been embalmed with cemetery approved, non-toxic embalming fluid, may be interred in Kessler Woods. Vaults and grave liners are not permitted.

Families are welcome to participate in the closing of the graves. Please inform your service advisor prior to the day of burial.

Bodies and cremains may be interred only in natural biodegradable materials such as, but not limited to, wood or in a shroud. Ask our service professionals for guidance.

Please understand that graves may take several years to settle – sometimes unevenly. Kessler Woods staff will periodically address this issue.

Visitors may visit Kessler Woods during normal cemetery hours and must observe park rules and respect for the natural burial area.

Processional and vehicular access to Kessler Woods is allowed under staff direction only.

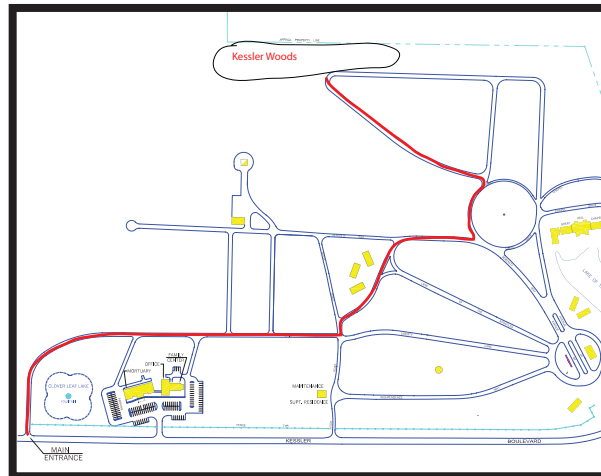
We are open for burial every day except for these holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

### On a Practical Note:

Kessler Woods has limited pathways made of natural materials. Whether attending an interment service or just visiting, suitable footwear is encouraged.

### Flanner and Buchanan's *Gift of Life*

This program makes an annual donation to the Hoosier National Forest and Keep Indianapolis Beautiful towards their tree planting programs. This gift is made in honor of every family that Flanner and Buchanan serves. This donation is made to these two programs, not towards a specific tree. A letter, recognizing this donation, is sent to each family.



Visit Kessler Woods at:

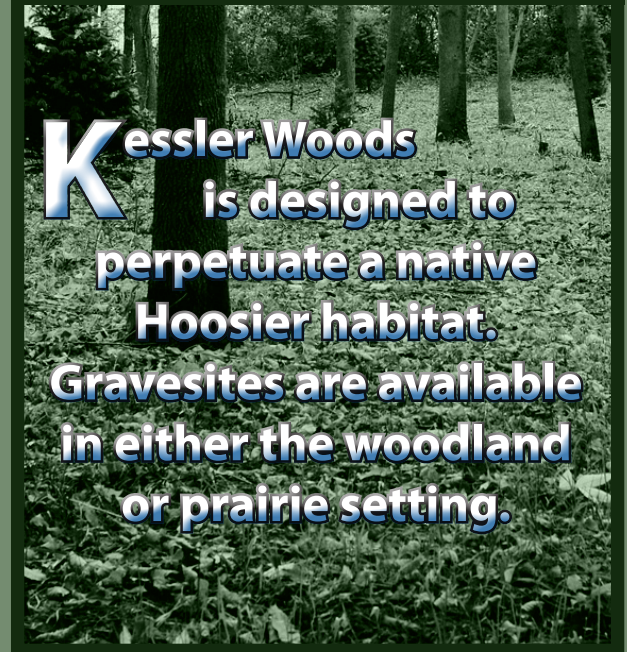
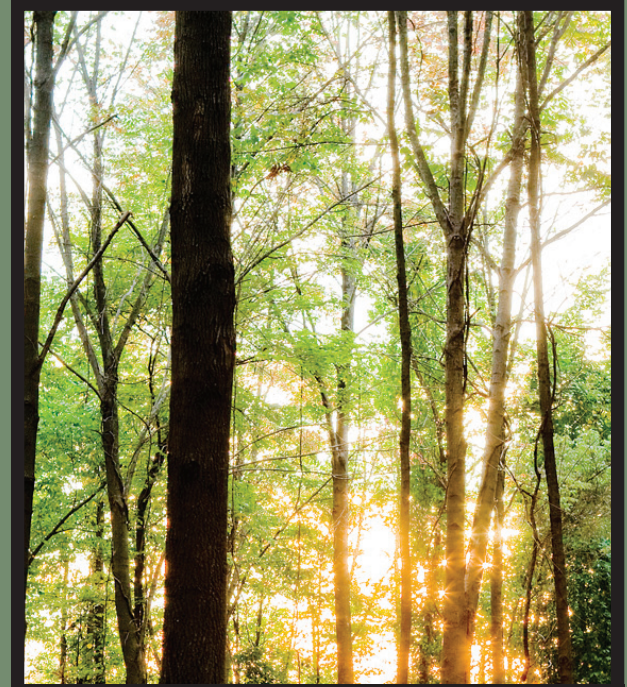
Washington Park North  
Cemetery and Funeral Center  
2706 Kessler Blvd, West Dr.  
Indianapolis, IN 46228  
(317) 259-1253

Fifteen percent of the grave price is placed in the cemetery's perpetual care fund.

[www.WashingtonParkNorth.org/green](http://www.WashingtonParkNorth.org/green)



**KESSLER WOODS**  
NATURAL BURIAL GROUND



**Kessler Woods**  
is designed to  
perpetuate a native  
Hoosier habitat.  
Gravesites are available  
in either the woodland  
or prairie setting.

Nestled on the grounds of Washington Park North Cemetery and Funeral Center, Kessler Woods provides an environmentally sustainable option to conventional burial. Here, human remains are allowed to decompose naturally and recycle into new plant life.



**Preparation and Natural Life Cycle**

The deceased is prepared for burial without chemical preservatives. In the event embalming is required for visitation, an environmentally sensitive embalming fluid (non-toxic, biodegradable) will be used.

Refrigeration and dry ice options are available.

Organ donation is also an option.

**Know Your Options**

All burial containers must be made of bio-degradable products. Our General Price List and Casket Price Lists will itemize approved options.

**Celebrate and Personalize Your Service**

Home wakes, public visitations, church funerals and graveside services are all options, although time sensitive, due to natural decomposition. We will gladly customize your service. A Certified Celebrant is available for non denominational, secular, or spiritual services.

**FUNERAL PACKAGES**

Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Centers can handle every aspect of your “natural” burial. Our trained professionals will provide individual guidance tailored to your specific service needs.

**Natural Traditional Service Package \$5,500**

Transfer of remains, basic service of funeral director and staff, natural embalming, other preparation of the body, use of facilities and staff for visitation and service at funeral center or other facility, service vehicle, hearse for transportation to cemetery, graveside services, tribute video and after service family care.

**Natural Memorial Service Package..... \$3,920**

Transfer of remains, basic service of funeral director and staff, private family goodbye, 48-hour refrigeration, service vehicle, hearse for transportation to cemetery with graveside services, memorial service at Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Center or other facility, tribute video and after service family care.

**Natural Graveside Service ..... \$3,320**

Transfer of remains, basic service of funeral director and staff, private family goodbye, services and equipment for graveside service, service vehicle, hearse for transportation to cemetery, graveside services, tribute video and after service family care.

*Packages do not include casket, shroud, or other merchandise.*

**LOCATION OPTIONS**

**Woodland Burial ..... \$2,995**

**Prairie Burial ..... \$2,295**

**Cremation Burial Options**

Burial is available for those choosing cremation. Biodegradable urns are required. Options available through funeral provider. Two standard cremation burials are permissible per burial space. Washington Park North’s standard open/closing charges apply.

All scatterings within Kessler Woods are below ground cover. The surface growth is removed prior to scattering and replaced following the cremation placement.

Memorial options are available.

Burial records will be maintained through Washington Park Cemetery Association. You are encouraged to visit the park often for reflection and spiritual support.

(In the event burial cannot take place within 48 to 72 hours after death the body will be put in refrigeration.)

