



Woodland Burial Site Terms and Conditions 2017

What is Green about this type of burial?

The inspirational Roucan Loch Woodland Burial Site is for coffin interment and provides a return to nature for those who wish to be laid to rest amongst trees and wildflowers with the sound of animals and birdsong close by. A green burial is similar to a burial in a cemetery - the difference is that a tree becomes the living memorial instead of a traditional headstone and each plot allows loved ones to lie side by side in the peaceful woodland.

Roucan Loch Woodland Burial Site is unique in that it is the first green burial site in the country which has been pre-planned and planted with many native trees including scots pine, rowan, birch and alder.

Gradually, over the years, the woodland will develop along with its population of birds and small mammals in a sustainable, eco-friendly way.

The secluded site at Roucan Loch offers a natural final resting place, which is an oasis of stillness and calm.

Roucan Loch Woodland Burial Site is in effect a nature reserve providing peace of mind for the family, as the site will remain a protected natural environment in perpetuity.

The beauty of nature is timeless. Roucan Loch is an inspirational setting - providing a true sense of creating life from death.

Location?

The serene site at Roucan Loch is just over 3 miles from the centre of Dumfries and 8 miles from the M74 at Lockerbie, overlooking tranquil waters, where abundant wildlife, calming birdsong and panoramic views of the rolling Dumfriesshire landscape offer the ideal setting in which to contemplate.

Do we own the plot?

Buying a burial plot does not give you any legal ownership of or right to the land. You are buying exclusive rights of burial, not legal ownership of the land itself.

Interment period?

You have the right to interment within 20 years from the purchase date of the plot. If there has been no interment within this period, you or your solicitor must notify us in writing that you still require the plot. Failure to do so will mean that the tree/plot will revert back to Roucan Loch's ownership and can be re-sold.

As burial land is a precious commodity, this policy ensures that the plot will be used for its intended purpose. Some people may choose to leave the area after purchasing the tree or to reside with their children abroad. This could mean that the plot would never be utilised and as the woodland burial site is finite, with no room for further expansion, it is critical that the plot can be used by someone else.

Can I do what I want with the grave?

The Roucan Loch Woodland Burial site is a natural site and we do not allow any memorial items to be placed on the site, including flowers, mementoes, glass or vases. However, the planting of bulbs like snowdrops and primroses around the base of the tree is encouraged.

Are ashes permitted to be interred in the woodland burial site?

The Woodland Burial site is for full coffin interment only. As burial land is a precious commodity, this policy ensures that the plot will be used for its intended purpose. Please consider this carefully if applying for a site where it may be one person's wish to be buried and the other to be cremated.

How are the sites marked?

Each site will be marked with a small green disc with the row and plot number. The discs will all be of the same design and supplied by Roucan Loch. You will be given your row and plot number to allow you to locate your site.

In addition, there is an option to purchase a small wooden name marker after interment. Please enquire.

Sites and tree types?

Most sites at Roucan Loch are suitable for two full interments side by side. However, additional interments may be possible at certain locations and there a limited number of sites suitable for single interment. There is a choice of sites; Site 1 contains mature trees consisting of Austrian Pine, Aspen, Larch, Scots Pine and Silver Birch. In Site 2 the trees are younger, consisting of Rowan (red, yellow and pink varieties), Silver Birch, Aspen, Alder, Corsican Pine, Crab Apple, Cherry and Maple.

Would we need a cardboard coffin?

Coffins must be biodegradable and have **no** MDF, plastic or metal fittings including plaque and handles. You may wish to have a wicker, bamboo or cardboard coffin but your selected Funeral Director will be able to advise you on the coffin types available and which would be suitable for Woodland Burial.

What if a tree dies or is blown down?

If something happens to a tree in the woodland burial site, causing it to die or be blown down, as a gesture of goodwill, Roucan Loch will replace it with a native Silver Birch tree. If a client wishes another type of tree to be replanted, they would have to meet this expense.

What is the cost of a Woodland Burial?

The cost of pre-purchasing a site for double interment is currently £1250 in Site 1 (these trees are more mature) and £800 in Site 2 (from 1st April 2017), with each interment costing £800.00. The interment fee is payable at the time of need by your funeral director. Please note their fees are not included in this price. If a site is required for single or multiple interments please enquire about the cost.

Do we need to use a Funeral Director?

Most likely, yes. You would need them to supply the coffin, transportation, and funeral operatives.

Transportation of the coffin?

If the funeral service is held in the chapel at Roucan Loch, the coffin will be transported to the Woodland Burial Site in our environmentally friendly vehicle.

Pre- purchase of Sites?

Pre- purchase of sites is available. To pre-purchase a site at Roucan Loch, please fill in the attached form and return it to Jill Templeton, Roucan Loch Office, Three Crowns Court, Dumfries, DG1 1HU along with your remittance of £1250 for Site 1 and £800.00 for Site 2.

How do we arrange a Green Burial?

To arrange a plot for immediate use, please contact your chosen Funeral Director who will be able to arrange everything on your behalf.

Right to change your mind

If you pre-purchase a tree for future interment, you have the right to change your mind for up to three months. Please notify us in writing.

Further information?

Please contact Jill Templeton, Roucan Loch Office, Three Crowns Court, Dumfries, DG1 1HU.

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