

GREEN CEMETERIES NEAR NYC

Some people think cremation is "greener" than burial because cremation generally requires no cemetery space. Actually, when you are speaking of one of the green conservation cemeteries within three hours of New York City or upstate, you can be *protecting* rural property by burying yourself in it. Cemetery laws prohibit highways or shopping malls from coming to land that has deceased people in it, so in using a green cemetery, you are helping to keep gorgeously-wooded, rural properties safe from development.

You can also be buried in a shroud (without a casket) in a green cemetery, something most conventional cemeteries don't yet allow. No herbicides are used on the grass, as a rule, and the setting of a registered green burial ground is kept much as it was found: wild, natural, frequented by birds, squirrels, and deer.

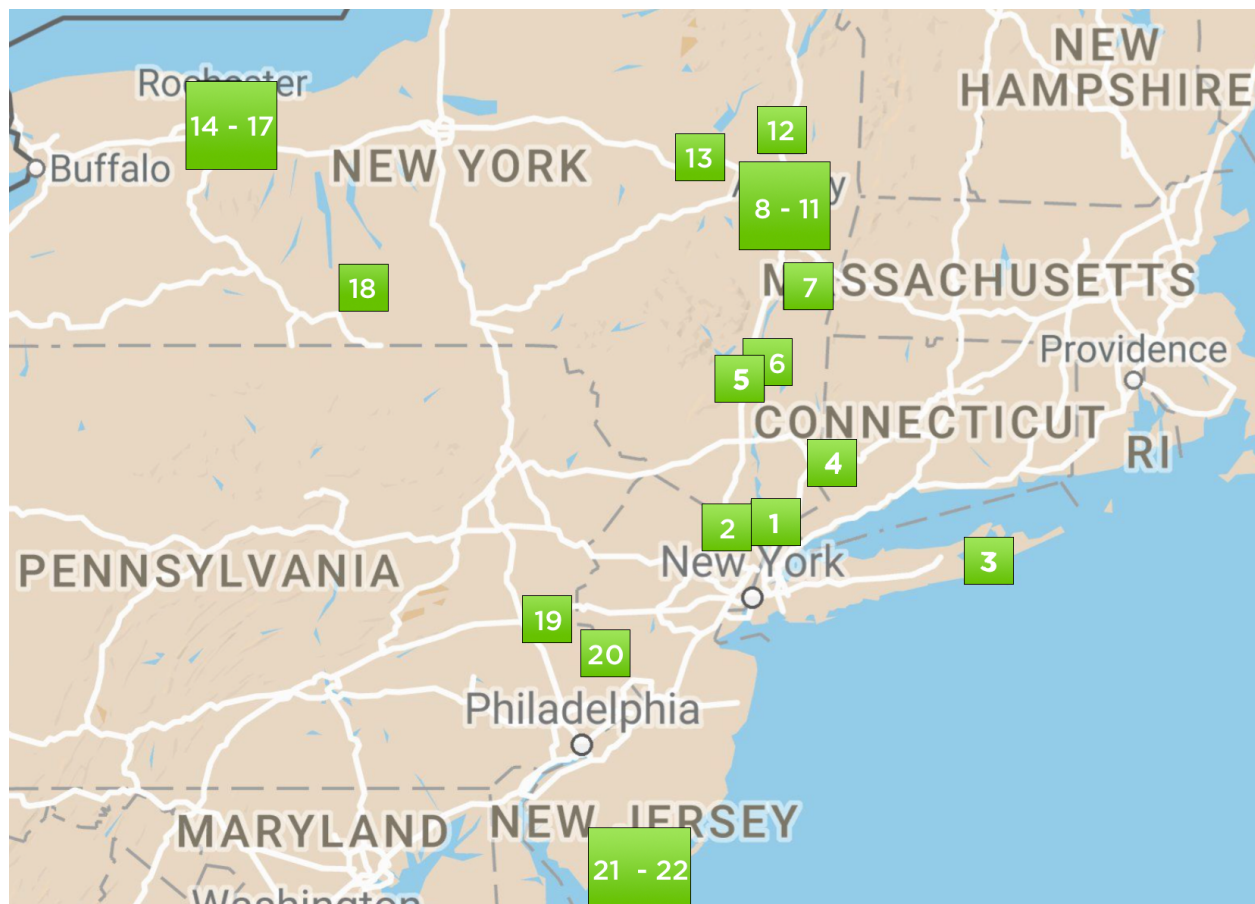


Folks who bury a family member in a green cemetery are sad a death has occurred, but elated by their participation in an end-of-life ritual that signals a return to the simpler burial practices of 200 years ago. Grave prep is more natural and aesthetically pleasing: no phony Astroturf covers the displaced soil, and evergreen boughs are available to help decorate or fill. Cemetery workers usually let family members lower the casket and shovel soil if that is their desire. You'll also never see a grave-worker look harried or check his wristwatch at a green ground.

The space is yours and you'll be given ample graveside time. Some of our closest friends still exclaim, "Oh God, just cremate me." But for those who love nature, history, and old-fashioned ritual, and for those whose custom has always been simple and green (Jews, Muslims among others), it's a no brainer: Green burial in a natural burial ground--without an embalming, metal casket or vault--is a gracious, gorgeous, uplifting way to "go."

Here is our most complete accounting of every green cemetery and every hybrid ground attached to a conventional cemetery in or near NY state. There are shades of green at play here (two asterisks ** denote a completed registration with The Green Burial Council), but all plots listed here are priced well below the remaining graves in New York City. Some of these cemeteries are a little far afield, but we include them because they may make sense to New York families connected to those necks of the woods.

-- Amy Cunningham & Lauren Guida



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****ASCENSION GARDEN (St. Francis Meadow)**

Address: 1900 Pinnacle Road, Henrietta, NY 14467

Phone: (585) 697 – 1122

Website: <http://www.holysepulchre.org/>

St. Francis Meadow. Catholic Natural Burial Ground. Single plot is \$1,800, opening fee of \$700. Cremation plot is \$1,000, opening fee of \$400 with a Funeral Director's presence and \$550 without. Both plot types include a natural stone which they harvest directly from the land while excavating, and engrave onsite. \$50 fee for services held in the chapel.

CALVARY CEMETERY (St. Michael's Meadow)

Address: 481 Route 9W, Glenmont, NY 12077

Phone: (518) 463 – 0134

Website: <https://www.capitaldistrictcemeteries.org/>

Catholic Hybrid Cemetery. Single plot is \$2,000 with an \$825 opening fee. Cremation plot (holds 2 urns) is \$800 with an opening fee of \$495 per urn. \$75 surcharge added for Saturday services. Biodegradable pine and willow caskets accepted.

FRIENDS OF RHINEBECK CEMETERY

Address: 3 Mill Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12572

Phone: (845) 876 - 3961

Website: <http://friendsofrhinebeckcemetery.org/>

Single plot is \$1300 and \$900 to open. Plot for cremains \$450 and \$650 to open.

FULTONVILLE NATURAL BURIAL GROUND

Address: 26 Mohawk Street, Fultonville, NY 12072

Phone: (518) 853 – 8838

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/fultonvillecemetery>

Single plot \$500 for residents, \$700 for non-residents

GREEN MEADOW CEMETERY

Address: 1121 Graham Street, Fountain Hill, PA, 18015

Phone: (610) 868 – 4840

Website: <https://www.greenmeadowpa.org/>

Single plot for \$1,300; open fee is \$700, plus \$500 for perpetual care

****GREENSPRINGS NATURAL CEMETERY**

Address: 293 Irish Hill Road, Newfield, NY 14867

Phone: (607) 564 - 7577

Website: <http://www.naturalburial.org/>

Standard plot for \$1,000; cremains plot for \$350 and infant grave is \$300. Opening fee for standard burial \$1,000. Opening fee for cremains burial \$225. Stone installation is \$100.

HARLEMVILLE RURAL CEMETERY

Caretakers' Phone Numbers: Jonitha Hasse at (518) 325 – 7454

Cecelia Elinson (518) 672 - 7447

Hudson hybrid green ground attached to conventional country cemetery, price very reasonably (please call).



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****HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY (Trinity Section)**

Address: 2461 Lake Avenue, Rochester, NY 14612

Phone: (585) 458 – 4110

Website: <http://www.holysepulchre.org/>

\$1800 for a single plot, \$650 to open the plot

MARYREST CEMETERY

Address: 25 Seminary Road, Mahwah, NJ 07430

Phone: (201) 327- 7011

Website: <https://www.rcancem.org/catholic-green-burial/>

Single grave is \$1,600, double grave is \$3,000. Opening fee is \$2,150. This is a Catholic cemetery. The purchaser should be a Catholic (but no one will “card” you), and the decedent need not be Catholic.

MOST HOLY REDEEMER CEMETERY

Address: 2501 Troy Schenectady Road, Schenectady, NY

Phone: (518) 374 – 5319

Website: <https://www.capitaldistrictcemeteries.org/>

Single grave is \$2,000, with an opening fee of \$825.

Note: Next of kin must be related to a Catholic.

****MT. HOPE CEMETERY’S GARDEN OF RENEWAL**

Address: 1133 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620

Phone: (585) 428 - 7999

Website: <http://www.cityofrochester.gov/mounthope/>

Single grave is \$3,300 with an \$800 open fee, plus \$400 maintenance.

OAKWOOD CEMETERY

Address: 50 101st Street, Troy, NY 12180

Phone: (518) 272 – 7520

Website: <http://www.oakwoodcemetery.org/>

Historic Hybrid Cemetery. Single plot is \$800 with opening fees of \$700 for a weekday, \$775 for Saturday AM and \$850 for Saturday PM. Cremation plot (2 urns) is \$800 with opening fees of \$300 for a weekday, \$350 for Saturday AM and \$380 for Saturday PM. Foundation fee of \$235+ depending on size & details of stone.

ROSEMONT NATURAL BURIAL AREA

Address: 100 Kingwood Stockton Road, Rosemont, NJ 08556

Phone: (609) 488 – 6959

Website: <https://www.therosemontcemetery.com/>

Single plot is \$1,750 with an opening fee of \$1,850. Cremation plot is \$500 with an opening fee of \$525. Additional fees apply for weekend burials.



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ROSENDALE PLAINS CEMETERY

Address: P.O. Box 85, 793 Springtown Road, Tillson, NY 12486

Phone: (845) 658 – 9042

Website: <http://www.rosendalecemetery.com/>

Single graves \$800, opening fee for burial \$800, required flat grave marker usually costs about \$350. Plots available for cremated remains also. Scattering garden in development.

****SLEEPY HOLLOW CEMETERY**

Address: Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591

Phone: (914) 631 – 0081

Website: <http://sleepyhollowcemetery.org/>

Historic cemetery with hybrid green burial ground by side of cemetery road, shrouds accepted, cremains accepted. Single grave is \$4,000. Opening fee for grave \$1,830. Cremation grave (fits two urns) \$3,000. Opening fee for cremated remains \$555. Foundation charges for stones apply ranging from \$489 to \$1,704.

SOUTHAMPTON CEMETERY

Address: 613 N Sea Road, Southampton, NY 11968

Phone: Eric Wright, Superintendent at (631) 283 – 3212

Single grave is \$1,350 (flat flush stone only), two graves is \$3,200 (small upright stones are okay), four graves is \$6,400 (larger upright family headstone allowed). Biodegradable pine and willow caskets accepted.

ST. PETER'S CEMETERY (Peaceful Meadows)

Address: 150 West Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Phone: (518) 584 – 2375

Website: <https://www.stpetersaratoga.com/>

Catholic Hybrid Cemetery. Single plot & cremation plots are \$775 each and \$775 to open. They supply stone marker if desired, and the stone comes from their Albany Cathedral; engraving is \$150.

****STEELMANTOWN CEMETERY**

Address: 101 Steelmantown Road, Woodbine, NJ 08720

Phone: (609) 628 - 2297

Website: <http://www.steelmantowncemetery.com/>

Single or double plot is \$2,000. Grave opening fee \$1,500. Eight-member family plot \$7,000. Opportunities for wooded burial or placement in old Quaker cemetery. One hundred-year-old casket cart meets hearse and family at the gate.

UNION CEMETERY AT MAYS LANDING

Address: 195 Route 50, Mays Landing, NJ 08330

Phone: (609) 625 – 7571

Website: <http://www.theunioncemetery.com/>

Adult interment \$850, interment of cremains \$275. One-time grave landscaping fee of \$200.



****VALE CEMETERY (The Dell)**

Address: 907 State Street, Schenectady, NY 12307

Phone: (518) 346 – 0423

Website: <http://valecemetery.org/news/dell-vale>

Single plot is \$600. One gravesite in the Urn Garden is \$175, two gravesites is \$325.

****WHITE HAVEN MEMORIAL PARK**

Address: 210 Marsh Road, Pittsford, NY (near Rochester)

Phone: (585) 586 – 5259

Website: <http://www.whitehavenmemorialpark.com>

Has Jewish area, Islamic area, all-green hybrid ground. \$2,150 for a single grave with a \$675 open fee. Cremains in woods is \$2,150, by water \$2800 with an opening fee of \$395.

****WOOSTER CEMETERY**

Address: 20 Ellsworth Avenue, Danbury, CT, 06810

Phone: (203) 748 - 8529

Website: <http://www.wooster-cemetery.com/>

Lovely historic grounds with green area priced lower than the conventional. \$2,700 adult plot, \$950 open fee (plus \$285 fee added in the Winter to dig). Marker and foundation fees vary.