

Crested Butte Cemetery Information
Town of Crested Butte
P.O. Box 39,
Crested Butte, CO 81224
970-349-5338
<https://www.crestedbutte-co.gov/>

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The Crested Butte Cemetery is located approximately ¼ mile north of the Town of Crested Butte. There is a reference map and a listing of burial and ownership records at the entrance to the Cemetery for your convenience. This information is also available on the Town's website at <https://www.crestedbutte-co.gov/> or by contacting the Clerk's Office at 970-349-5338.

The Crested Butte Cemetery is a public cemetery that is “natural” in appearance and vegetated with native plants. It is not manicured and is not staffed in person. All paperwork needs to go through the Clerk's office.

Preserving the integrity of the cemetery is the highest priority of the Town Staff. The materials and scale should stay within the tradition that is currently represented at the cemetery. Please be aware that the climate is harsh and plot owners need to adhere to the Guidelines below. Also, remember that the maintenance for the plot and any landscaping is the owner's responsibility.

Cemetery Lots:

- Full-size lots measure 22 feet by 11 feet and can be purchased for \$1000. Each full-size lot can hold up to four caskets, numerous urns, or a combination of caskets and urns.
- Quarter-size lots measure 5.5 feet by 11 feet and can be purchased for \$300. Each quarter-size lot can hold one casket or a number of urns.
- The Town does not provide maintenance to privately owned lots at the cemetery.
- Water is available from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend for hand watering purposes only. Hoses attached to timer devices or hoses left unattended will be removed.
- After the initial purchase of a cemetery lot, the deed can be transferred by exchanging the existing deed for a new deed. To transfer a deed, please contact the Town Clerk's Office. The consideration paid for a new deed may not exceed the initial purchase price of the lot.

Headstones:

- No memorial structure or building of any kind is permitted on cemetery lots in excess of five (5) feet in height, and no above-ground mausoleum or crypt of any kind is permitted.
- Headstones can be no wider than the individual plot.
- Materials currently seen are stone, wood, metal, and skis, which are the materials that are generally encouraged.

Fencing:

- Natural, durable materials are suggested. Stone, metal, concrete, wood and railroad ties are most commonly seen. Reminder that due to the harsh climate, wood does require routine maintenance.
- Plastic fencing is not permitted.
- Height of fencing shall be limited to 4' 6" (54 inches) or less.

Landscaping:

- You may landscape or otherwise improve your lot only after obtaining a landscaping/construction permit from the Clerk's Office (no charge for the permit).
- Substrates currently used are stone, natural vegetation, wood chips and/or mulch.
- Please see attached list of suggested native plants and wildflowers.
- No trees may be planted in quarter-size or in full-size lots, as roots tend to invade neighboring plots.
- Trees may be planted in designated areas, as shown on map. The continued care and upkeep of the planted tree is the responsibility of the person who plants it.
- Plot owners are encouraged to weed and maintain their plot, as necessary, to ensure that noxious weeds do not become a problem.

Burials:

- Obtain an interment permit from the Town Clerk's Office to schedule a burial. Permits must be turned into the Clerk's office at least two (2) weeks prior to burial. All interments must be scheduled with and performed by the Town of Crested Butte.
- Town Staff will conduct burials only from 10 AM to 12 PM or 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM. All those attending services must leave the Cemetery by 12 PM or 2:30 PM for safety.
- For casket burials, the Town must be provided with a burial transport permit or an "authority for final disposition" indicating the block and lot number for the burial, as well as birth and death dates.
- For all burials, the Town must be provided with a copy of the death certificate. It is very important that you provide this information for record keeping purposes.
- The Town of Crested Butte is the only authorized excavator for interments.
- Please contact the Clerk's Office for information regarding winter burials.
- In accordance with State of Colorado law, no burial of pets is permitted.

To obtain Crested Butte Cemetery Permit Applications (Interment Permit and/or a Landscaping/Construction Permit) please contact the Clerk's Office at 970-349-5338. Permit applications are available on the Town's website at <https://www.crestedbutte-co.gov/>.

Note: Cemetery rules and regulations are subject to change.

Native Plants Allowed in the Crested Butte Cemetery

The weed commission recommends the following plants for overseeding and for families to plant at graves



Potentilla



Yarrow



Penstemon



Aster



Prairie Smoke



Valerian



Cinquefoil



Coreopsis



Snowberry



Groundsel



Rabbitbrush



Harebell



Blue Flax



Lupine



Little Sunflower



Sulfur-Flowered
Buckwheat



Tarragon



Scarlet Gilia