Tribute and Memorial Benches $5,000

Honor a loved one or commemorate a special date with a tribute bench located in one of our display gardens, along trails, or in scenic natural areas. Tribute benches provide a place of rest and contemplation for thousands of visitors. Each bench is American-made from sustainably-harvested teak and securely mounted to a concrete base. Your tribute bench gift not only provides an additional seat for visitors, but also supports the care and maintenance of our gardens, natural areas, and plant collection. Along with a 100% tax-deductible contribution receipt from the University of Michigan, donors will receive:

- An anodized aluminum bench plaque identifying the name of the person(s) honored
- Mounted concrete bench base
- Bench maintenance for a period of 10 years effectively beginning on the day of memorialization, including bench replacement if deemed necessary. Matthaei-Nichols will review the bench condition after the 10 year term and will contact the donor to discuss options for renewing the bench gift.
- A digital archive of the bench available for public view on Matthaei-Nichols’ ‘Tribute Tracker.’ The archive record will include an accompanying photo and map of the memorial bench gift.
- Recognition on our Donor Honor Roll published each year in the Annual Report.
Priority Tribute Benches at Nichols Arboretum

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Priority Tribute Benches at Matthaei

Trails

- Sue Reichert Discovery: .4 mi / 10 min
- Sam Graham Trees: .8 mi / 20 min
- Marilyn Bland Prairie: .6 mi / 15 min
- Fleming Creek: .5 mi / 12 min
- Dix Pond: .9 mi / 22 min

Available Trail Bench Locations

1. Fleming Creek Trail Bridge / Intersection
2. East Bank Fleming Creek Overlook
3. Oak Knoll on Fleming Creek
4. Sam Graham Trees Trail
5. Woodland Wildflower Garden
6. Oak and Prairie
7. Oak Openings
8. Great Lakes Garden
9. Bonsai and Penjing Garden
10. Gaffield Children’s Garden
11. Entrance Garden
12. Garden Terrace
13. Gingko Grove Picnic Tables
14. Campus Farm Food Forest

Map showing various locations and distances to benches, as well as trails and points of interest within Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum.