

The mission of The White Memorial Conservation Center is to inspire awareness, appreciation, and respect for the natural world.

This goal is accomplished through year-round environmental education programs for people of all ages, using the Nature Museum and the sanctuary property as teaching arenas.



An Impact that Endures

The John Jay Whites came to Litchfield from New York City in 1863 and built Whitehall, a building that a century later would become the Center's Nature Museum. Two of their children, Alain and his sister, May, loved the woods and farmlands so much that they made Whitehall their permanent home.

Ardent conservationists and visionaries, Alain and May wanted to preserve the countryside for future generations to enjoy. In 1908 the Whites began purchasing land throughout northwestern Connecticut: abandoned farms, scenic spots, waterfalls, mountains, and forested valleys. Over time they acquired approximately 10,000 acres. The State of Connecticut Park and Forest system benefited greatly from the Whites with the donation of about 6,000 acres. Kent Falls, Macedonia Brook and Mohawk State Parks, as well as other sites, were donated by the Whites.

In 1913, Alain and May decided to form a non-profit trust in the memory of their parents and the White Memorial Foundation was incorporated. In 1964, the White Memorial Conservation Center was formed as the education branch of the Foundation, and Whitehall, the former home of the Whites, became what is now the Center's Nature Museum.

White Memorial, today, comprises 4,000 acres of fields, waters, and woodlands, 35 miles of trails, a museum and campgrounds, all in the towns of Litchfield and Morris. Tens of thousands of visitors each year benefit from this legacy of Alain and May White.

The Alain & May White Planned Giving Program



Ensure the Future of White Memorial

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Alain and May White were the first people to use planned giving for White Memorial. Although the term “planned giving” was not in the vocabulary in 1913 when the Whites incorporated White Memorial in memory of their parents, their vision and generosity gave us this wonderful place and a strong financial base on which to build.

Consider what our 4,000 acres would look like today if Alain and May did not have the foresight and means to preserve these woods for all of us, and future generations, to enjoy.

Your gift makes a difference. A planned gift can make a difference in your future and ours.



There are several ways in which you can make a contribution to the future of White Memorial.

Current Gift

- Cash
- Publicly Traded Securities including Mutual Funds
- Tangible Personal Property needed by the Center
- Charitable Lead Trust

Deferred Gift

Name us as a beneficiary on the following:

- Bequest
- Living Trust
- Life Insurance
- Qualified Retirement Plan

The White Memorial Conservation Center is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit public charity.

Your gift is a personal and lasting reflection of what is important to you.

For more information about giving opportunities, simply fill out and return this request form. You will be contacted to set up a convenient meeting time.

Name _____

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Best time(s) to call _____

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