



OLD-GROWTH FOREST NETWORK

"Connecting people with nature by creating a national network of protected, mature, native forests"

Planning a Dedication Celebration

Congratulations on having your forest chosen to represent your county in the national Old-Growth Forest Network. This means that your forest has high ecological integrity & quality (compared to others in your county), is protected from logging, and is accessible to the public. The next step is the Dedication.

Dedications can, and have, run the gamut from small and simple to large and celebratory. We work with the needs and desires of each individual forest and its stakeholders that care about its preservation. Here are some examples, from small to large, of various dedication types:

"Soft Dedication" - No formal recognition. OGFN simply sends you sign and a certificate for posting as you (or the forest manager) sees fit.

"Simple Dedication" - a few people gather at the trail head or information kiosk and the sign is handed from someone representing the Old-Growth Forest Network to someone representing the forest. A commemorative photo is taken.

"Group Dedication" - for a somewhat larger Dedication Celebration, both the Old-Growth Forest Network and the forest send out an announcement and invitation for others to attend. Often local politicians like to attend these events. Donors too. These are good events for the media to attend. Often snacks are provided and a hike into the forest may be included. A commemorative group photo is taken.

"Group Dedication in conjunction with other event" - sometimes plans are already in motion for another event - like a 'Friends of' annual meeting, or a Donor social. This can also be a good time to recognize your dedication into the Old-Growth Forest Network.

"All-Out Dedication" - sometimes a Dedication Celebration party is just the thing! Yes, we have had tables set up in the forest complete with catered meals and champagne; hikes led by scientists/naturalists; video recordings; front-page articles; and even recreational tree climbers demonstrating their skills.

So the choice is up to you. No matter the size of the celebration, we can help you with a press release as well as several materials you can print up and display at your dedication (should you choose to do so).