



# COVID-19 PANDEMIC MEMORIAL GROVE

“While no memorial can fully encompass the grief caused by this pandemic, we hope this grove will not only offer some solace to those who lost loved ones but also serve as a reminder of the courage and endurance of all Ohioans during this unprecedented time in our lives.”

OHIO GOVERNOR MIKE DEWINE

## LOSS, SACRIFICE, & BRAVERY

Governor Mike DeWine dedicated the COVID-19 pandemic Memorial Grove to honor the lives that were lost, the sacrifices made, and the bravery of so many Ohioans who are caring for others during the COVID-19 pandemic. The memorial grove will be a place of peace, solace, and remembrance for Ohioans of this time in our collective history.

Governor DeWine chose Great Seal State Park for the Memorial Grove because of its rich history and central location in Chillicothe. The park is easily accessible from major highways for people from around the state. Great Seal is also rich in state history. Though it was only dedicated as a state park in 1974, its landscapes inspired the design of the state seal of Ohio which was first depicted in 1803.

Tradition attributes the design to the cooperative vision of Thomas Worthington, the first U.S. Senator and “Father of Ohio Statehood,” Edward Tiffin, Ohio’s first governor, and William Creighton, Ohio’s first secretary of state. After an all-night meeting at Adena, they viewed the sun rising over Mount Logan and chose the scene for the state seal. Much of the land illustrated in the Great Seal of the State of Ohio now comprises Great Seal State Park.



## THE GROVE Planted Trees

*Each of these trees is native to Ohio and will grow strong for generations in the soils at the memorial grove.*

- 5 White oak  
*(Quercus alba)*
- 1 Swamp white oak  
*(Quercus bicolor)*
- 1 Northern red oak  
*(Quercus rubra)*
- 1 Chinquapin oak  
*(Quercus muehlenbergii)*
- 1 Hackberry  
*(Celtis occidentalis)*
- 1 Sugar maple  
*(Acer saccharum)*
- 1 Red maple  
*(Acer rubrum)*
- 3 Redbud  
*(Cercis canadensis)*
- 1 Flowering dogwood  
*(Cornus florida)*

