

***“Between every two pines is a doorway to a new world.” - John Muir***

The Gifted Tree welcomes you to the virtual world of finding your tree planting location. As you know, someone has planted a gift tree in honor of you or someone you love. Your tree has been or will be planted in Apalachicola National Forest, Florida. This forest is the largest U.S. national forest in the state of Florida, located just outside the capital of Tallahassee. It encompasses 632,890 acres and is the only national forest located in the Florida Panhandle.

The Apalachicola National Forest is home to some of the most unique animal and plant species in the country. Notable animals that inhabit its forest are red-cockaded woodpecker, red fox, racoon, gray fox, bobcat, coyote, black bear, wild turkey, and alligator. In recent years, unhealthy forests have been major contributors to Florida’s disastrous wildfires and unprecedented outbreaks of southern pine beetles. Additionally, the region is frequently hit by strong storms and hurricanes, contributing to severe, long-term damage to forest resources. Longleaf pine forests and savannas have been drastically reduced from an estimated 90 million acres to less than 3 million due to the above factors and over-utilization.

Your tree planting project will help restore the Longleaf Pine overstory on this historically wooded site. Re-establishing the pine overstory will improve habitat for native wildlife species as well as provide watershed benefits, such as improved water filtration and erosion control, to the nearby rivers.



You can view the general area of your planting by clicking on the following link:

<https://binged.it/3MVjaT2>

Once connected to the map, feel free to zoom in and out to get a feel of the general planting area, its location in Florida, the United States, and the world. The link is best viewed using a personal computer.

Please understand that this is the general area of your tree planting as our reforestation projects take place in a number of regions of the forest. Your tree is planted among thousands of other gift trees and there is no plaque designating your gift tree. It is not possible to visit the tree.

Enjoy your gifted tree and know that it is making a monumental difference for the earth and opening a new doorway to the world for future generations. If you have any questions, please view our contact information at: [www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/](http://www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/). If you would like to plant a tree for someone else, please visit our website at [www.TheGiftedTree.com](http://www.TheGiftedTree.com).

