

“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 the area around De Soto National Forest, Mississippi, named for 16th-century Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto. It is one of the most important protected areas for the biological diversity of the Gulf Coast ecoregion of North America.

This planting project will help restore the once dominant longleaf pine forests which covered over 90 million acres from Virginia to Texas. This species abundance has decreased dramatically over time due to non-sustainable timber harvest and clearing of land for agriculture and development. The longleaf pine ecosystem is well known for incredible diversity of plant and animal species that it supports, many of which are endemic only to this habitat.

Your tree planting project will restore critical watersheds, address fire capacity issues, and rebuild important wildlife habitats, especially benefiting the gopher tortoise and the northern bobwhite and Bachman’s sparrow birds. As the saplings mature, the reforestation will ultimately help combat climate change and global warming.



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

bit.ly/3iOjnhX

Once connected to the map, feel free to zoom in and out to get a feel of the general planting area as well as its location in Mississippi, the United States, and the world. The link is best viewed on a personal computer. Please understand that this is the general area of your tree planting. Your tree is planted among thousands of other gift trees and there is no plaque designating your gift tree and visiting the tree is unfortunately not possible.

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/. If you would like to plant a tree for someone else, please visit our website at www.TheGiftedTree.com.

