**Leave a Gift for Wild Alabama in Your Will or Trust**

Planning for the future and creating the legacy you wish to leave is one of the most effective ways to ensure a lasting impact on Alabama’s wild places such as Bankhead National Forest, Talladega National Forest and the Sipsey, Cheaha and Dugger Mountain Wilderness areas within them. Making a gift in your will or living trust to Wild Alabama, who works tirelessly to educate about and protect these places, can guarantee that your legacy continues.

Your gift may be a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate or the remainder after all other provisions are specified. Below is suggested language to take to your attorney for use in drafting your bequest.

**Next Steps:**

1. Contact Maggie Johnston at [maggie@wildal.org](mailto:maggie@wildal.org)  for additional information or to chat more about the different options for including Wild Alabama in your will or estate plan.
2. Seek the advice of your financial or legal advisor.
3. For an unrestricted gift that allows Wild Alabama to determine how to use the funds based on the most pressing needs, use the following sample language for your will and/or trust:

*” I give the sum of $\_\_\_ (or \_\_\_%) to Wild Alabama, 552 Lawrence St, Moulton, AL 35650, Tax ID 85-2784968, to be used as its Board of Directors deems appropriate in its sole discretion.”*

**Gift of Stock**

Wild Alabama accepts gifts of publicly traded as well as closely held securities including stocks, bonds, and mutual funds.  This type of gift may be transferred electronically or delivered in certificate form.  Contact Maggie Johnston at [maggie@wildal.org](mailto:maggie@wildal.org)  to learn how.

**Protect Your Legacy**

If you’re 70.5 years or older, you can direct transfer up to $100,000 from your IRA to support Wild Alabama.

This will help you:

* satisfy some or all of your required minimum distribution for the year
* reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions
* make a gift to us that is not subject to the 50% deduction limits on charitable gifts
* use your rollover to make payments on an existing pledge to Wild Alabama

Now is the time to create your legacy and protect Alabama’s natural heritage and the ecology of our wild places for generations to come.

Contact us to learn more! Email Maggie Johnston today at [maggie@wildal.org](mailto:maggie@wildal.org) .

*\*individual tax situations vary. Please consult with your financial planner or tax adviser too.*