



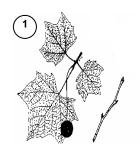
THE TREES AT HISTORIC YATES MILL

This one-way self guided trail will introduce the hiker to twenty of the numerous tree species found at Historic Yates Mill County Park. As you walk this .25 mile moderately easy trail, notice the numbered posts. These posts correspond to numbered tree pictures found inside the brochure along with numbers shown on the trail map. A brief description of the tree along with an interesting fact relating to each tree is given to spark your interest and curiosity. More detailed information about trees along with other natural and historical aspects of the park is available at the park office or from a park staff member. Please feel free to visit after your hike.

Once you've completed the tree trail, please note you may return by using the same trail. You may take the .78 mile Upper Ridge Trail or you may wish to finish the 1 mile Mill Pond Trail. Whatever route you choose we hope you enjoy your visit to Historic Yates Mill County Park and hope you return again soon. If you choose not to keep this map and guide, please return it to the brochure rack so another visitor may enjoy the trail as you have.

A special note of thanks goes to Miss Rachel Harper of Cary for her research and design of the Trees at Historic Yates Mill Self-Guided Trail





Sycamore (Platanus occidentails)

Grows to 100 feet tall
Wildlife den tree for
birds, squirrels and raccoons

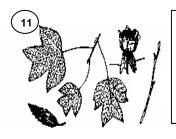


Water Oak (Quercus nigra)

Grows 60 to 80 feet tall.

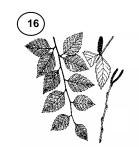
Grows 1 to 2.5 feet diameter.

Acorns provide food for many wildlife species.



Yellow Poplar (Liriodendron tulipifera)

Grows to 100 feet tall
Grows 4 to 6 feet diameter
Seed is food for small wildlife

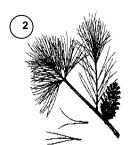


River Birch

(Betula nigra)

Grows up to 80 feet tall

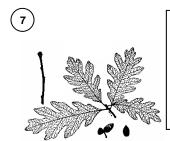
Only native birch in the Southeastern US



Loblolly Pine (Pinus taeda)

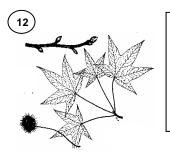
Grows 80 to 100 feet tall

Most commercially important tree species in the south.



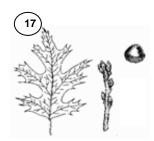
White Oak (Quercus alba)

Grows 80 to 100 feet tall
Grows 3 to 4 feet diameter
180 different species of birds and mammals use as food



Sweetgum (Liquidambar styraciflua)

Grows 40 to 60 feet tall
Grows 1 to 3 feet diameter
Food for the American Beaver

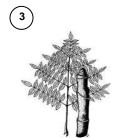


Black Oak (Quercus velutina)

Tree reaches 50 to 80 feet.

3 feet or more in diameter.

Bark important source for tannic acid



Devil's Walkingstick (Aralia spinosa)

Grows 20 to 30 feet tall
Grows to18 inches in diameter
Birds eat fruit, flowers attract bees
and Swallowtail Butterflies

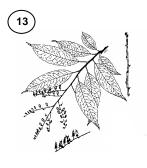


Northern Red Oak (Quercus rubra)

Grows 65 to 98 feet tall.

Grows 2 to 3 feet diameter

Acorns extremely important food source for wildlife species.



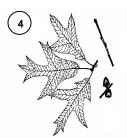
Sourwood (Oxydendrum arboreum)

Grows to 60 feet tall
Grows to 2 feet diameter
Multiple flowers produce the famous Sourwood Honey



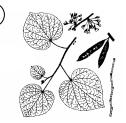
Mockernut Hickory (Carya tomentosa)

Grows 50 to 80 feet tall
Grows 1 to 2 feet diameter
Favorite food of squirrels and many
other wildlife species



Southern Red Oak (Quercus falcata)

Grows 60 to 80 feet tall
Grows 2 to 3 feet diameter
Acorns are used as food by many
wildlife species



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Red Bud

(Cercis canadensis)

A shrub or small tree seldom reaching 50 feet in height.

Displays very showy purple flowers in spring



Black Cherry (Prunus serotina)

Grows 50 to 60 feet tall

Small cherry fruit is a favorite of multiple wildlife species



Red Maple (Acer rubrum)

Grows 40 to 60 feet tall
Grows 1 to 2.5 feet diameter
Buds, flowers and leaves provide
food for many birds and mammals

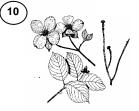


American Hornbeam (Carpinus caroliniana)

Grows 20 to 30 feet tall.

Grows 8 to 12 inches diameter

Seeds, buds, catkins are eaten by numerous wildlife species.

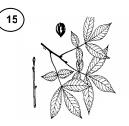


(Cornus florida)

Grows 10 to 20 feet tall.

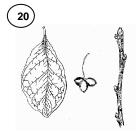
Grows 4 to 6 inches in diameter

Has the designation of being the North Carolina State flower.



Pignut Hickory (Carya glabra)

Grows 50 to 75 feet tall
Grows 1 to 3 feet diameter
Favorite food of squirrels and
many other wildlife species



Blackgum (Nyssa sylvatica)

Grows 30 to 50 feet tall
Grows up to 5 feet diameter
Fruit is relished by many songbirds