

## North Loop, HT Bike Tour

1. #243 Willow oak, *Quercus phellos*. This tree is in Columbia Park. To find it, go to the corner of Lombard and Chautauqua, walk the diagonal path into the park and you'll soon see it. This tree is the one after the first lamp post to the right of the path. As the name suggests, unlike most common oaks seen in the area, the leaves of this oak are not lobed. From the 2017 Park Tree Inventory it is listed as 88' tall with a spread of 64'. It can grow up to 160' tall. The acorns are 1.5 inches long with the cap covering 1/3 of the nut.

It is not the largest tree in Columbia Park, but a unique species. It is native to SE USA.

2. #235, Butternut, *Juglans cinerea*. This tree is in front of the Charles Jordan Community Center at 9009 North Foss, hint: this tree is right in front of the building. This tree is 54' tall, it could grow to 100" tall. The nuts are said to have a sweet flavor.

3. California buckeye, *Aesculus californica*. This tree is at 8827 N. Haven. It is on private property. This tree species is rare to Portland, it is native to California. It can grow to 30' tall. White and pink flowers in clusters up to 10" long are seen May-August. In dry summers, it may drop all leaves by September.

4. #337 Grand fir, *Abies grandis*. This tree is in Pier Park, 10325 N. Lombard. Hint: this tree is on a path going N/S in the park, to find it, enter the Park off Reno, follow the path to the 1<sup>st</sup> intersection. The tree will be on the NE corner at that intersection. This tree is 167'tall, Grand firs can grow up to 300', but 150 is average, so this is a large tree. The needles grow in a flat formation off each side of the branchlet. If crushed, they smell like tangerines. The cones stand upright near the top of the tree and can be 5" long.

5. #353. Kentucky coffee tree, *Gymnocladus dioica*. This tree is located in Cathedral Park, 8800-8940 N. Bradford. This tree is close to Crawford Street, near the bridge, along a paved path. Portland Landscape Designer John Warner who served on the Heritage Tree Committee until his death included these trees in his original tree plan for Cathedral Park. In 1980 the tree was dedicated to the Sharpies family, reasons are unknown.

6. 2 large White oaks. *Quercus garryana*. The third is sadly now down on the ground. These are # 198, 199, and 200. These trees are near a large historic house. This property is at the corner of Polk and Crawford. It is a little confusing to walk to the trees as they are close to a house, and the driveway says "private drive". Access is south on Crawford to the dead end, then you walk across a large green field moving to your right facing the river. These trees are visible from the Willamette River. The two remaining trees are 90' and 96' tall. The history is muddled, with differing versions. The house was built by the son of Simon Benson, who built the Pittock Mansion across the river. A relative claims these trees were visible to and recorded by William Clark when he explored the Willamette River in 1805 - 1806, others doubt this claim.