

South Loop, HT bike route

1. #317 Silver linden, *Tilia tomentosa*. This tree is in Peninsula Park, 700 Rosa Parks Way. Enter the park from Ainsworth and Albina, walk north on the broad gravel path above the Rose Garden that runs parallel to Albina. This tree is the tree just north of the west steps leading down into the Rose Garden. It was planted in 1909 as the park was being developed. The sunken Rose Garden was a racetrack before the property was sold to the City for a park. This tree is 98' tall, it can grow to 135' tall. It flowers in mid-summer with white/yellow flowers hanging in clusters.

2. Deodar cedar, *Cedrus deodara*. This tree is on the corner of Ainsworth and Mississippi. This tree is common in Portland, but native to Tibet and Afghanistan. The male cones spread pollen October-November, then the female cones grow upright on the branch, reaching 3-4" in size. The tree can grow usually up to 100', some in the wild are reported to grow up to 250'.

3. #369, American elm, *Ulmus americana*. This tree is in Overlook Park, 1599 N. Fremont (Fremont & Interstate). It is the really big tree is in the middle of the park and stands alone out there with its distinctive vase or umbrella shape. At the last Park Tree inventory in 2017 it was 76' tall with a spread of 99'. The average height for this species is 100'. This tree is native to the eastern USA.

4. #274 Red oak, *Quercus rubra*. This tree is in Patton Square Park. To find it, walk along N. Maryland Avenue and look for the largest tree (in diameter) on this side of the park, whose base is the closest to the sidewalk. Typical of oaks, this tree is almost symmetrical, it is 111' tall, with a spread of 115'. It can grow to about 150' tall. This tree, as all oaks, is a wonderful habitat tree for small mammals, birds and insects. Oaks are long lived trees. Red oaks are native to eastern and southern USA.

***. Not in parks but on public land and on our bike route

5. White oak, *Quercus garryana*. This tree sits on undeveloped property along the bluff in Overlook, in a vacant lot just south of 3969 N. Overlook Terrace. Its' long term fate is somewhat unknown. A developer wants to divide the space into lots, but close lots could damage the wide root

system. It also sits on the edge of the bluff which is subject to occasional landslides. White oaks can reach 150' tall and usually as wide. This species is long lived and provides habitat to many insects, small mammals and bird. The acorn is 1" long with a shallow cap. These are significant trees in Oregon. They are fairly fire resistant, easily surviving the fires set by Native Americans to burn the grasslands in the valley prior to white settlers clearing the land.

6. Scarlett oak, *Quercus coccinea*. This tree is located at 3922 North Overlook Blvd. It can reach up to 150' tall, usually not as wide as a White oak. The acorns of this tree are .5" long with a shallow cap. The fall foliage is scarlett. It is native to the eastern USA.

7. #341, London Plane Tree, *Plantanus x acerifolia*. This tree is on Maryland Avenue, between Mason and Skidmore, right behind Harbor Freight which faces Mason. This tree has an interesting construction history. The builder hired a specialist Arborist when it was discovered this was a newly named Heritage Tree. The tree has been pruned, but remains a large, lovely tree, representative of its species. These trees can grow to 150' tall. We do not yet have the height for this tree.

8. #340, 3 London Plane Trees, *Plantanus x acerifolia*. These 3 trees are located at the intersection of N. Concord, N. Overlook Blvd, and N. Castle. Why the "x" in the name? In 1663 the gardener for King Charles the 1st on England planted an Oriental Plane tree and an American sycamore very close to each other, The resulting offspring was this London Plane Tree. These three trees are planted in a triangle in Overlook, at the intersection of Overlook Blvd and Castle Streets. We do not have the heights for these 3 trees. Some say this triangle was a Portland Street Car turnaround, others dispute this claim. We don't know for sure, or why these 3 trees were planted here.

9. #239, Gray Digger Pine, *Pinus sabiniana*. This tree is located at 4074 N Massachusetts Ave. It was once measured at 50' tall, but has grown since. It can reach up to 160' tall. The needles are 3 to a bundle and blue-green in color. The cone of this tree is 5-11" long and can weigh up to 5 lbs. It is very rare in Portland, native to the dry foothills of central California.

10. #162, Southern Catalpa, *Catalpa bignonioides*. This tree is at 5533 N. Maryland Ave. It is now 46' tall. It could reach up to 90' tall, but 50' is the average height. The white flowers, which bloom in mid-July, result in long bean seed pods that hang on the tree for a long time. It is native to Georgia, Florida.