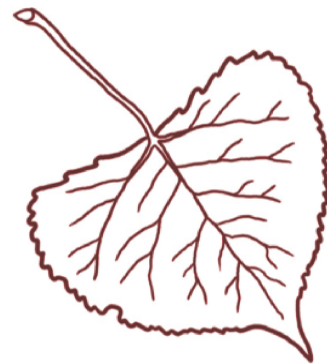




THE BIG TREES of ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 2020

Meet St. Joseph County's Big Tree Champions!



What are the Big Trees of St. Joseph County?

The Big Trees of St. Joseph County celebrates the largest native trees growing within the borders of the county. Area residents were asked to nominate trees and all champion trees were verified by the naturalist staff of sponsoring agencies.

How do we determine champions?

A point index is calculated for each tree using the following formula: the circumference in inches, plus the height in feet, plus 1/4 of the average crown spread in feet. The tree of each species with the highest point index is the champion.

To view the trees

Many of the trees are on public land, such as parks, cemeteries, and college campuses and can be easily viewed. Those that are listed on private property may not be as easily viewed. **Please do not trespass on private property to view any champion tree.**

This Big Tree listing was published in January, 2020. The next publication will take place in 2025. For a nomination form, contact St. Joseph County Parks, 32132 SR 2, New Carlisle, IN 46552 574/654-3155 or log onto www.sjcparks.org.

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ASH

Blue Ash

Fraxinus quadrangulata
Owner/Nominator: University of Notre Dame
Location: Carole Sandner Hall
Circumference at 4 ½ feet: 43"
Height: 40.5'
Average Crown Spread: 36.1'
Point Index: 92.53

Black Ash - No Nominations

Green Ash - No Nominations

White Ash

Fraxinus americana
Owner/Nominator: Joe and Mary Ann DeKever
Location: 2112 Linden Avenue
 Mishawaka, IN 46544
Circumference at 4 ½ feet: 163"
Height: 96'
Average Crown Spread: 88.08'
Point Index: 281.02

ASPEN

Bigtooth Aspen - tie

Populus grandidentata
Owner/Nominator: University of Notre Dame
Location: Columba Hall
Circumference at 4 ½ feet: 88.3"
Height: 80.5'
Average Crown Spread: 59.05'
Point Index: 183.56

Bigtooth Aspen - tie

Populus grandidentata
Owner/Nominator: Kennard and Ruth Feltz
Location: 28540 Chicago Trail
 New Carlisle, IN 46552
Circumference at 4 ½ feet: 61"
Height: 116'
Average Crown Spread: 24.13'
Point Index: 183.03

Quaking Aspen - No Nominations

BASSWOOD

American Basswood

Tilia americana
Owner/Nominator: University of Notre Dame
Location: Burke Memorial Golf Course
Circumference at 4 ½ feet: 185"
Height: 76'
Average Crown Spread: 65.1'
Point Index: 277.28

BEECH

American Beech

Fagus grandifolia
Owner/Nominator: University of Notre Dame
Location: Carole Sandner Hall
Circumference at 4 ½ feet: 104.5"
Height: 76.5'
Average Crown Spread: 81.7'
Point Index: 201.43

BIRCH

River Birch

Betula nigra
Owner/Nominator: Susan Cline
Location: 1706 Cedar Street
 South Bend, IN 46617
Circumference at 4 ½ feet: 175"
Height: 68'
Average Crown Spread: 81.25'
Point Index: 263.31

Yellow Birch - No Nominations

Gray Birch

Betula populifolia
Owner/Nominator: University of Notre Dame
Location: Burke Memorial Golf Course
Circumference at 4 ½ feet: 63.2"
Height: 36'
Average Crown Spread: 32.35'
Point Index: 107.29

BUCKEYE

Ohio Buckeye - No Nominations

BUTTERNUT

Butternut - No Nominations

CEDAR

Eastern Redcedar - No Nominations

CHERRY

Black Cherry

Prunus serotina
Owner/Nominator: Michael Ehler
Location: Birch Road
 Osceola, IN 46561
Circumference at 4 ½ feet: 122"
Height: 104"
Average Crown Spread: 70.25'
Point Index: 243.56

Pin Cherry - No Nominations

