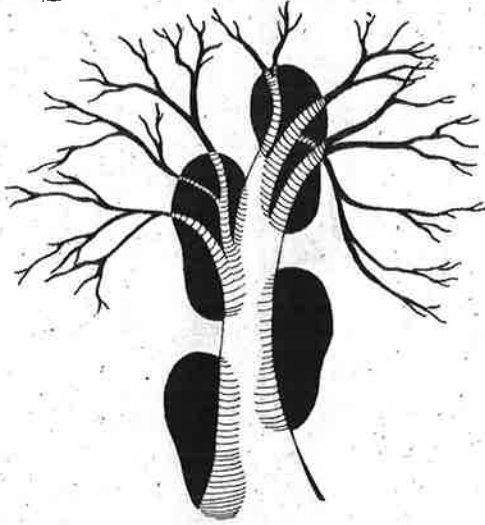


A Walking Guide to the Big Trees of Walla Walla



3rd Edition Edited by
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Notes:

Ht = Height; C = Circumference at 4'

* = Native to North America, but not to WA

** = WA Native, but not limited to Washington

No asterisk = From other parts of the world

Sp. = species not named

f. = *forma*, meaning a variation of a species

x = hybrid

Half quotes indicate a cultivar

Whitman College tree ID tags (Ex: B - 70)

Entry with multiple trees -- measurements given are from the largest specimen

Measurements: Suunto PM-5/360 PC clinometer

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The Magnificent Trees of Walla Walla

When Lewis and Clark passed through the area in 1805 the only sizable trees they found were native cottonwood, birch, hawthorne, willow, and chokecherry. But the early settlers brought their favorite plants and trees from their former homes. For two centuries we've continued to introduce new trees. Now when we look around our valley, we realize nearly every tree we see here has been introduced.

That happy circumstance continues and today we live in an oasis of trees from across North America as well as exotics from Europe and Asia. In recent years Walla Walla has become known as the home of many of the largest trees in the state. *Champion Trees of Washington State*, published in 1996 and compiled by Robert Van Pelt, identified 44 trees in Walla Walla worthy of inclusion in his landmark collection.

Earlier editions of this walking guide were edited by Van Pelt's local collaborator Shirley Muse of the Blue Mountain Audubon Society, and were

Dedication

The stately old trees which today we take for granted and at times carelessly dispose of are here because of the foresight, hard work and financial sacrifice of early Walla Walla residents.

Most of the large trees in Walla Walla were planted around the turn of the 20th century and thanks to those who preceded us, Walla Walla is known throughout this arid region as a city of trees.

What happens to our city's trees . . . rests with the citizens. What better way to honor those who came before us than to care for our trees and parks which they established, and to plant more for those who follow us?

Shirley Muse, 1998

Maps by Karen Heinzmann

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based on Van Pelt's championship rankings. Sadly, trees are subject to the ravages of time. Moreover, they are subject to the chainsaw. At least 29% of the trees listed in Muse's original guide have been lost or altered, thereby disqualifying them.

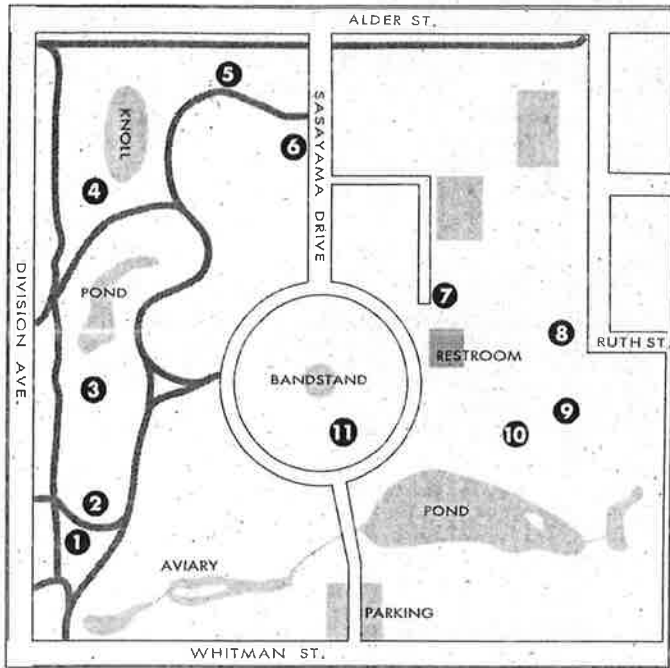
New champion tree data has not been compiled or published since Van Pelt's 1996 book. No one has assumed responsibility since for collecting data and ranking Washington's champion trees. Therefore rankings are not provided in this edition.

Readers of this 3rd edition of *Walking Guide to the Big Trees of Walla Walla* will discover that the editors have been freed to include more types of trees, more maps, and unlike previous editions, actual guided walking tours. Our goal is to celebrate our great diversity of trees.

We hope you enjoy your tours of the magnificent trees of Walla Walla, as much as we have enjoyed compiling this collection for you.

Gayle Foster Bodorff and Thomas Mair, Editors
April, 2020

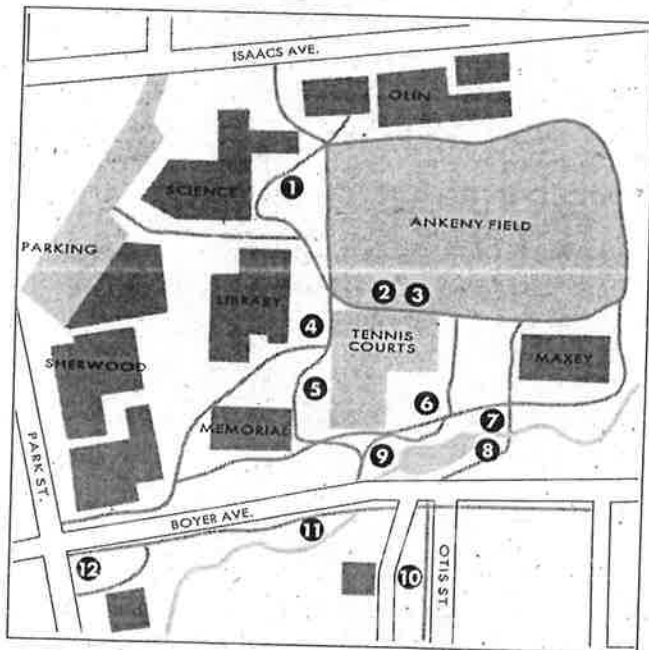
Pioneer Park Tour
 46°04'03.3"N 118°19'02.7"W
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Pioneer Park	Ht	Circ
1. Sweetgum * <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	113'	9'5"
2. American Basswood * <i>Tilia americana</i>	105'	10'
3. Black Poplar <i>Populus nigra</i>	115'	24'3'
4. Fernleaf Beech <i>Fagus sylvatica 'Asplenifolia'</i>	110'	13.4"
5. Scarlet Oak * <i>Quercus coccinea</i>	115'	13'6"
6. European Beech <i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	130'	14'9"
7. Yellow Sweet Buckeyes * <i>Aesculus octandra</i>	105'	11'6"
8. American Sycamore * <i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	119'	12'4"
9. European Ash <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	93'	9'4"
10. Black Walnut * <i>Juglans nigra</i>	123'	12'7"
11. London Plane Trees <i>Platanus x acerifolia 'Pyramidalis'</i>	109'	19'3"

In 1909 the Walla Walla Womens Park Club planted these London Plane Trees; all exceed 100'.

Whitman College Tour
 46°04'22.6"N 118°19'46.0"W
 46.072936, -118.329446



12. Wych Elm M-27
Ulmus glabra
 Corner of Boyer & Park
 106' 15'7"

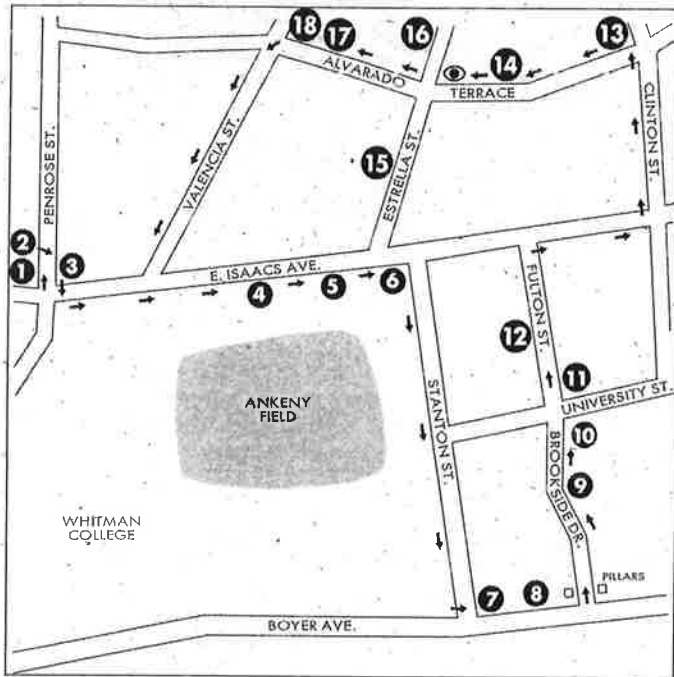
Whitman Campus	Ht	Circ
1. Giant Sequoia B70-72 * <i>Sequoiadendron giganteum</i>	73'	11'3"
2. Crack Willow F-5 <i>Salix fragilis</i>	72'	14'5"
3. Black Mulberry F-2 <i>Morus nigra</i>	60'	9'
4. Silver Maple F-13 * <i>Acer saccharinum</i>	75'	21'6"
5. London Plane Tree F-88 <i>Platanus x acerifolia 'Pyramidalis'</i> Notable for the 110' crown	85'	17'1"
6. Golden Rain Tree E-74 <i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	41'	9'7"
7. Dawn Redwood D-121 <i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i> Notable as a living fossil, deciduous conifer	109'	12'1"
8. Brewers Weeping Spruce <i>Picea breweriana</i> D-102 *	96'	9'4"
9. Western Larch (Tamarack) <i>Larix occidentalis</i> D-112 ** Notable as a deciduous conifer	86'	5'10"
10. Bur Oak P-65 * <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	97'	11'
11. Water Birch P-10 ** <i>Betula occidentalis</i>		Irregular shape

North Loop: Walking Distance 1.1 mi.

Start: Isaacs Ave. at Penrose Street

46°04'22.8"N 118°19'49.8"W

46.073010, -118.330511



North Loop (Continued)

9. Brookside Dr. – enter between two pillars; magical evergreen lane.
 10. 3 Ponderosa Pines / *Pinus ponderosa* **
560 University St., Ht 101' C9'8"
 11. Scots Pine / *Pinus sylvestris* Ht 66' C 7'10"
561 University at Fulton; continue up Fulton
 12. Allée of Flowering Dogwoods / *Cornus florida* *
Turn Right on Isaac – cross street at traffic light and proceed up Clinton to Alvarado Terrace; turn left.
 13. Douglas Arborvitae / (tall, narrow conifer)
Thuja occidentalis 'Douglasii Pyramidalis' *
1049 Alvarado (on Clinton side) Ht 98' C 10'7"
 14. Continue down Alvarado to 1019, where a wall of Yews line the sidewalk; *Taxus* sp.
 15. Stand on corner of Alvarado & Estrella:
- look left down Estrella, see allée of Catalpas*
- look right up Estrella, see allée of Sycamore Maples / *Acer pseudoplatanu* Ht 74' C 9'8"
 16. 915 Alvarado Terrace
Catalpa / *Catalpa speciosa* * Ht 74' C 9'5"
London Plane Tree / *P. x acerifolia* Ht 82' C 11'7"
 17. 901 Alvarado Terrace (corner at Valencia St.)
Multi-trunked European Hornbeam Ht 60'
Dawn Redwood (in front yard) Ht 72' C 7'
- Turn left down Valencia and return to Isaacs. End.

North Loop

1. Curve Leaf Mtn Mahogany / *Cercocarpus ledifolius* ** Evergreen; by sculpture in Water-Wise garden, corner Isaacs & Penrose
2. Japanese Pagoda Tree / *Sophora japonica*
Behind Water-Wise garden on Penrose Ht 57'
3. Zelkova / *Zelkova serrata* H 60' C 9'
2 in triangular lot across Penrose on NE corner
Use crosswalk to campus side of Isaacs:
4. Grove of Conifers -stroll-through pathway:
B-30 Tamarack (Larch) *Larix laricina* **
B-31 White Fir / *Abies concolor* *
B-32 Cypress species *
B-33 Spruce / *Picea* species *
B-108 Spanish Fir / *Abies pinsapo* *
B-34 Pine / *Pinus* species *
B-35 Hemlock species *
B-37 Engelmann Spruce / *Picea engelmannii***
B-38 Western Red Cedar / *Thuja plicata* **
5. Golden Rain Tree / *Koelreuteria paniculata*
6. Row of European Hornbeams / *Carpinus betula*
Turn right & walk down Stanton, then left on Boyer:
7. Scarlet Oak / *Quercus coccinea* *
535 Boyer Ht 96' C 11'
8. Tulip Poplar / *Liriodendron tulipifera* *
545 Boyer Ht 115' C 12'2"

Notable Trees Farther Afield

The following trees are not included on our walking tours but are worth a short drive to visit.

London-Plane / *Platanus x acerifolia* Ht 127" C 28'2"
Jeannette C. Hayner Park, 691 Reser Rd.
46°02'33.4"N 118°19'13.6"W
46.042606, -118.320436

American Elm / *Ulmus americana** Ht 102' C 16'2"
Prospect Point Elementary School, 131 Reser Rd.
46°02'32.0"N 118°19'21.9"W
46.042234, -118.322743

Huntington Elm / *Ulmus x hollandica* 'Vegeta'
608 West Birch (in parking lot of Ice burg Drive in)
46°03'39.5"N 118°20'44.8"W
46.060968, -118.345784 Ht 81' C 15'7"

Tulip Polar / *Liriodendron tulipifera** Ht 110' C 13'4"
110 N. Division St. (at Pearson St.)
46°04'18.7"N 118°19'11.5"W
46.071848, -118.319848

Arthur G Rempel Nature Trail ** Blue Mtn Audubon Society
Access: NE Myra Rd to N. service rd to Fort WW Museum
Cottonwoods, willows, sumac, chokecherries, & other natives
46°02'53.7"N 118°22'04.1"W
46.048252, -118.367807

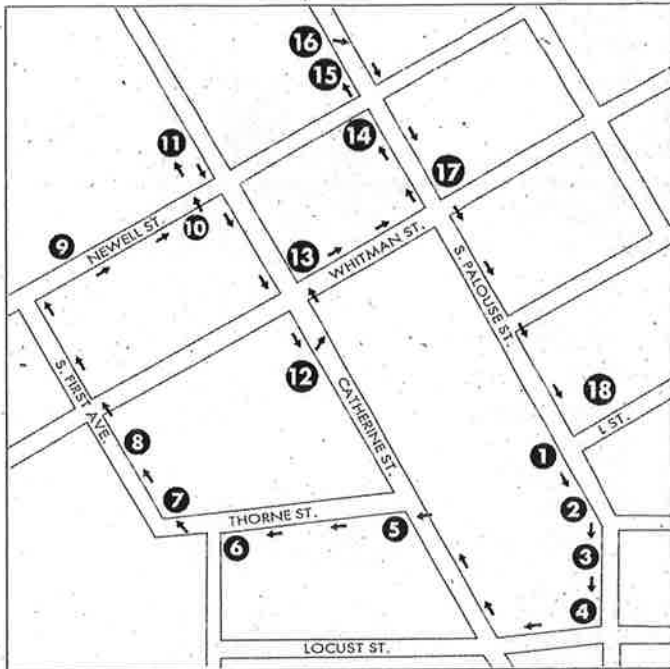
Mountain View Cemetery; Historic 80-acre site with numerous monumental trees. Howard St. & S 2nd Ave.

South Loop: Walking Distance 1.3 mi

Start: S Palouse St at L Street

46°03'39.2"N 118°19'39.8"W

46.060895, -118.32717



South Loop

1. Stand of 3 conifers; largest is 73' C 7'5"
1 fir, 1 spruce, & 1 western red cedar **
Do all conifers look alike? – take a closer look.
2. Scarlet Oak / *Quercus coccinea* *
712 S. Palouse St. Ht 88' C 8'
3. Allée of London Plane Trees
Platanus x acerifolia Ht 87' C 11'7"
4. Sweetgum / *Liquidambar styraciflua* *
824 Palouse - stand of 12; Ht 82' C 6'2"
5. Norway Maple / *Acer platanoides*
636 Catherine St Ht 66' C 6'7"
6. Lawson Cypress / *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana* *
120 Thorne St. by creek (aka Port Orford Cedar)
7. Row of 3 Black Poplars / *Populus nigra* *
Corner Thorne St. & S. 1st Ave; Ht XX C13'6"
8. Grand allée of London Plane Trees
Platanus x acerifolia – along 1st Ave South
9. Northern Catalpa / *Catalpa speciosa* *
117 Newell St; Ht 74' C14'10"
10. Newport Plum / *Prunus cerasifera* 'Newport'
410 Catherine, in planting strip on Newell
11. Dawn Redwood / *Metasequoia glyptostroboides*
376 Catherine St; living fossil; young specimen
Continued next page

12. Little leaf Linden / *Tilia cordata*
516 Catherine St. Ht 82' Circ 21'5"
13. Colorado Blue Spruce / *Picea pungens f. glauca* *
205 Catherine (at Whitman) Ht 60' C 9'
14. Katsura Trees / *Cercidiphyllum japonicum*
404 S. Palouse St. - Newell side Ht 79' C 9'
15. Pecan / *Carya illinoensis* *
384 S Palouse St. inside hedge Ht 120' C 12'10"
16. Unusual group of trees @ 350 S Palouse St
Copper Beech / *Fagus sylvatica* 'Atropunicea'
Catalpa / Indian Bean Tree / *Catalpa sp* *
Golden Rain Tree / *Koelrueteria paniculata*
17. Red Oak / *Quercus sp.*
303 Whitman & Palouse Ht 82' C 9'
18. Chinese Red Birch / *Betula albo-sinensis*
625 S. Palouse St; side yard Ht 40' C3'2"

Historical Note

North Loop # 15: When the first settlers came from England to N. America they gave our native tree the name Sycamore, because the leaves bore a striking resemblance to their British "Sycamore" (which is actually a maple). From ancient Greek *sukomoros*.