

## **Hickory Trail Trees**

These trees are labeled along Hickory Trail at Kamp Kiwanis. The listing below is alphabetical.

### **Black Cherry**

Black Cherry trees are deciduous trees native to the United States. Black cherry trees are named for the color of their ripe fruit. In the southeast, these trees may grow to be 120 feet tall. The leaves are shiny on the upper side, with long pointy tips, and serrated edges. They also have white flowers. The leaves, twigs, and seeds produce a toxin. The fruit is edible, and the inner bark can be used to make an all-natural cough syrup. The wood is used in wood paneling, kids' toys, door handles, and furniture.

### **Black Oak**

Black Oak trees are deciduous trees native to eastern North America. These trees usually grow up to 60 feet in height, but sometimes they can get grow over 100 feet tall. The leaves have lobes. Black Oaks are not black, and actually are in the Red Oak family. Black Oaks have root systems which make it easier for them to grow in poor conditions. The acorns of a Black Oak have caps with fringed edges. Animals such as deer eat the acorns. Black Oak wood is used for building.

### **Dogwood**

Flowering Dogwood trees are deciduous trees native to the southeastern United States. An average Flowering Dogwood tree can grow to be 20-30 feet tall. The flowers are small and white and bloom between March and June. The fruits are red and berrylike. Flowering Dogwood bark was used by Native Americans as a natural remedy for headaches. The fruit is poisonous to humans. The wood is hard and useful for building things that will be roughly used. It is used for special items such as roller skate wheels and knitting needles.

## **Hickory**

Hickory trees are deciduous trees native to North America. Hickory trees can grow to be about 100 ft tall and 25 ft wide. Hickory trees are valuable because of their hard wood, deep roots, and nuts. Humans can eat hickory nuts and animals such as squirrels also enjoy them. The hickory's hard wood is used for building furniture, smoking meat, and more.

## **Loblolly Pine**

Loblolly Pines are pines native to the southeastern United States. One of the meanings of "loblolly" is mud puddle, where these pines often grow. Loblolly pines can grow up to 60-90 feet. These trees are home to many different birds like Bald Eagles, ospreys, and woodpeckers. Other animals like deer are also attracted to the trees. Many things can be created with the Loblolly Pine wood, like furniture.

## **Post Oak**

Post Oaks are deciduous trees native to North America. These trees grow slowly and generally grow up to 50 feet during their lifetimes. They are in the white oak group. Post Oaks have thick bark and acorns, making the trees a good place for squirrels to live. Their thick bark makes them more fire resistant. Post Oak wood is used for things like railroad ties, flooring, and fence posts.

## **Red Oak**

Red Oak trees are deciduous trees native to North America. Red oak trees can grow to be 90 to 140 feet tall. The trees provide good nesting sites for birds and mammals. Deer, rabbits, and other small animals eat the acorns. Red Oak wood is used for flooring, architectural work, doors, furniture, kitchen cabinets, paneling, and caskets.

## **Red Maple**

Red Maple trees are native to eastern and central areas of the United States. Red Maples are one of the most common deciduous trees in North America. They are

generally about 40 to 60 feet tall. Their flowers, twigs, and seeds are all usually red. Red Maples are best known for the brilliant scarlet that their leaves turn in the fall. Red Maple seeds are winged and called samaras. The seeds provide food for squirrels and some birds. Native Americans used the bark as a remedy for hives and muscle aches, among other things. The sap of a Red Maple is not as sweet as a Sugar Maple, but it is sometimes used to produce maple syrup. The wood is used to make things such as cabinets and butcher blocks.

### **Shortleaf Pine**

Shortleaf Pines are native to the eastern United States. The tree can grow anywhere from 80-100 feet tall. They have needles which grow 3-5 inches in length. Shortleaf Pine trees are used for heavy construction and making plywood. These trees can live up to 200 years. Shortleaf pine wood is used for building many things.

### **Sparkleberry**

Sparkleberry trees are native to the southeastern United States. Sparkleberries are a small shrub or tree; they can grow up to 10-20 feet tall. They bloom from April to May and produce clusters of small, white flowers. They produce a fruit similar to a blueberry called huckleberry. Mammals eat the berries. Sparkleberry trees are also referred to as winterberry, farkleberry, and huckleberry. The trees are used for tobacco pipes and wood wares.

### **Sweet Gum**

Sweetgum trees are deciduous trees native to the southeastern United States. Sweetgums can grow anywhere from 60-100 feet tall. In the spring, they produce small green flowers that eventually turn into spiky, brown balls. They can live up to 400 years. Sweet gum trees are used for furniture and doors.

## **Water Oak**

Water Oaks are deciduous trees native to the central and eastern areas of the United States. They get their name from their water drop-like leaves. They can grow to be 50-100 feet tall very quickly, but do not branch out like other oaks. These trees are also known as the Spotted Oak or the Possum Oak. They live to be 30-50 years old. Water Oaks are in the Red Oak family and the wood is commonly used for cabinets and flooring.

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