

# Fall 2019

September–October–November

## Nature Center

8:30 am – 4 pm  
Monday – Saturday

Closed  
Sundays

## Hiking Trails

6 am – 8 pm daily

## Phone

414.527.0232

## Address

6141 N. Hopkins Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53209  
1 block west of  
Sherman Blvd.

## Websites

[dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/  
name/havenwoods/](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/havenwoods/)  
[www.friendsofhavenwoods.org](http://www.friendsofhavenwoods.org)

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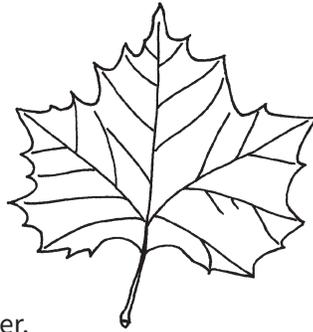
# Havenwoods State Forest

Just like humans, trees are biological organisms. They grow, change, get hurt, thrive, get diseases, and die. Recently, insects (like the emerald ash borer) and diseases (like oak wilt) have disrupted the life cycle of trees. Over the next few years, we will lose a significant amount of our tree canopy as ash trees die. So we have been thinking a lot about trees, planting trees, and remembering to thank trees for their benefits. Here are a few of the trees we are planting and why we are planting them.

## calm & quiet

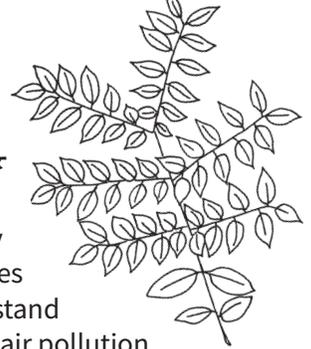
Planetrees are beautiful year round. With lovely bark, interesting fruit, and pleasant fall color, this tree just makes us happier and healthier.

Neighborhoods with trees are cooler, quieter, and safer.



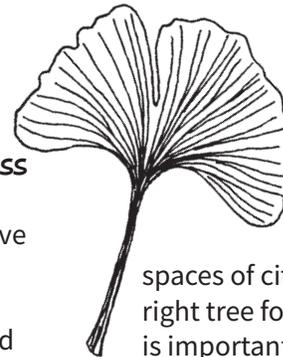
## tough & tolerant

Kentucky coffeetrees can withstand drought, air pollution, and soil compaction. Cities are hard on trees, so we must choose the tough ones.



## no fuss, no muss

Thornless honeylocusts have tiny leaflets that don't need to be raked. Trees need care throughout their lives: watering during dry spells, pruning, and protecting. But the investment pays off in so many ways!



## fitting in

Ginkgoes grow tall and slow, allowing them to fit in the narrow spaces of cities. Choosing the right tree for the right spot is important. Be especially careful under utility lines and next to buildings. Remember that trees need as much space under the ground as they do above.

## wild grocery stores

Tulip trees bloom in spring, providing nectar for hummingbirds. Their seeds provide food for birds and small mammals. Trees with multiple benefits are always good choices!



## tomorrow trees

Swamp white oak trees are not fast-growing. They are the kind of trees that you plant for the next generation. A healthy urban forest has a good balance of different kinds of trees and different ages of trees.



## ahh!

Hackberry trees excel at removing CO<sub>2</sub> from the air, reducing greenhouse gases. By removing pollutants from the air and producing live-giving oxygen, trees make cities healthier places to live.



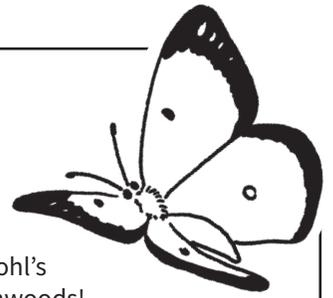
September 28 & 29  
10 am – 5 pm  
(Saturday & Sunday)

Connect with Milwaukee's history at Havenwoods!

Stop by the nature center to discover the unique history of the land, enjoy photos & stories from the past (at 1 pm or 3 pm), or borrow a GPS unit and go on your own geocaching adventure featuring the park's history.

Visitors can take a 30-minute hike with a naturalist (at 11 am, noon, or 2 pm) and/or meet some Wisconsin reptiles and amphibians close-up throughout the day.

## Kohl's On the Move!



Milwaukee Public Museum and "Kohl's On the Move" are coming to Havenwoods!

### The Beautiful World of Butterflies

September 7, 10 – 11 am

Get up close and personal with real butterfly specimens while exploring how special their wings really are. Optional butterfly hike with a naturalist after program!

### Get Wild in Wisconsin

February 1, 10 – 11 am

Investigate Wisconsin's wild plants and animals and discover ways to protect Wisconsin's habitats and biodiversity. Take home a native plant to invite pollinators to your home.

## GO! Discover

Families, friends, and youth groups are invited to head over to Havenwoods on the second and/or third Saturdays of each month. Drop in any time between 9 am and 3 pm to discover something new about nature.

### City Trees

September 14 & 21, 9 am – 3 pm  
(Saturdays)

Trees cool our cities, provide us with oxygen, reduce greenhouse gases, and calm our spirits. Drop in to discover other tree gifts, then head outside on a self-guided MysTree Hunt to explore some of your green neighbors.

### Spiders

October 12 & 19, 9 am – 3 pm  
(Saturdays)

Fall is a great time to look for spiders! Drop in and play in a giant web, learn about Wisconsin spiders, and make your own spider web. Then head outside to check out the webs and web spinners at Havenwoods.

### Ready for the Big Chill?

November 9 & 16, 9 am – 3 pm  
(Saturdays)

Plants and animals have been preparing for months! Drop in to check out their strategies for surviving winter. Get crafty and then head out on a self-guided scavenger hunt!

## Family Nature Hikes

Spend time with a naturalist on a family-friendly hike. We'll use magnifiers, binoculars, or other exploring tools to discover what's happening outdoors. If weather is questionable, call before coming. When you come, dress for the weather and bring a flashlight to evening events.



### Stories & Snacks

September 7, 7 - 8 pm (Saturday)

What could be better than a campfire AND food on a September evening? We'll share some stories while we cook up some spicy, sweet, and savory snacks around a backyard campfire. Bring your favorite "knock-knock" jokes to share.

### Spider Hike

October 5, 10:30 - 11:30 am  
(Saturday)

Search for spiders and their webs! We will discover ways various spiders catch their prey, adaptations they have for survival, and things that make them different from insects. We will end by playing in our giant web.

### Habitat Hunt

November 2, 10:30 - 11:30 am  
(Saturday)

Explore the fields, woods, and wetlands in fall to see how plants and animals have been getting ready for winter. We'll peek under the water, down in holes, and in the grass to discover their strategies.

# Adult Hikes & Workshops

Adults and youth over 12 are invited to join a naturalist on these summer walks! All events are free and open to the public. Dress for the weather! Dogs are not allowed.

## Tree ID Hike

September 27, 9 – 10:30 am (Friday)

Do you know your trees? Join DNR Wildlife staff to test your tree ID skills and learn about the critters that use those trees.

## Fall Hike

October 23, 1 – 2:30 pm (Wednesday)

Join DNR Wildlife staff to discover all the beauty and excitement that fall has to offer.



# Nature Time for Preschoolers

We'll use stories, crafts, and activities to explore a different topic each session. These programs are for preschoolers, ages 3-5, and their parents, grandparents, or other adult. These programs are not for day care centers or organizations. If you would like a program for your day care center or youth organization, please call to schedule at a separate time.

## Animals Get Hungry, Too!

September 10, 9:30 – 10:30 am (Tuesday)

Some animals eat plants. Some animals eat other animals. We'll discover how plants and animals need each other.

## Home, Sweet Home

October 8, 9:30 – 10:30 am (Tuesday)

What lives underground? Up in a tree? Under a bush? We'll discover where some animals make their homes.

## High Flying Hawks

November 5, 9:30 – 10:30 am (Tuesday)

Join us as we search the sky for soaring hawks. We'll discover what they eat and how they find their food.

## Seeds On the Go!

September 24, 9:30 – 10:30 am (Tuesday)

Seeds can fly through the air and stick to your clothes. Come learn how seeds move from one place to another.

## Pumpkins are Golden Treasures

October 22, 9:30 – 10:30 am (Tuesday)

Pumpkins aren't just for jack-o'-lanterns and pumpkin pies! Come find out some interesting things about pumpkins.

## Scampering Squirrels

November 19, 9:30 – 10:30 am (Tuesday)

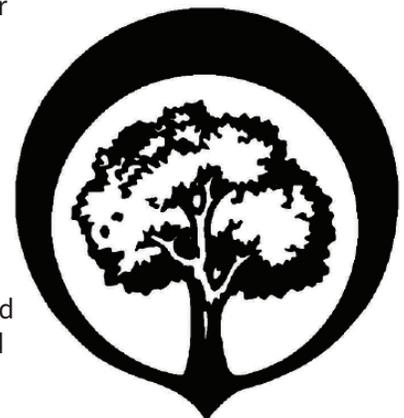
Gray squirrels! Red squirrels! Fox squirrels! Squirrels in the park! Squirrels at your bird feeder! Squirrels are fun to watch and learn about.

# Milwaukee—Tree City USA for 40 years!

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. This program has been greening up cities and towns across America since 1976 by providing the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees.

Milwaukee's urban and community forest covers nearly 22% of our city and features more than three million trees. Nearly 500 tons of pollution are eliminated from the air every year thanks to the city's urban forest. The shade these trees provide saves the city more than \$800,000 annually in energy costs. The benefits to other living beings (human and wild) are priceless!

However, our tree canopy is disappearing. In the 1960s and 1970s, we had tree canopy coverage of almost 55%. Since then, aging trees, Dutch elm disease, and emerald ash borer have wiped out a lot of trees. While the city has worked hard to replace dead trees, many homeowners opted not to replant. The loss of trees plus the effects of global climate change could result in a much hotter city in the years to come.



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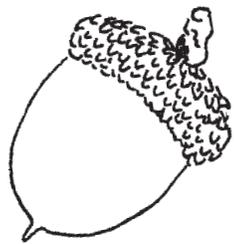
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# Nature in Your Backyard

Do you know your green neighbors? The great thing about trying to identify trees in your neighborhood is that you can watch them through the seasons. Over the course of a year, you will collect enough evidence to positively identify your tree. If you still have doubts, bring photos or parts of your tree to the nature center, and we will try to help you.



**fall**  
Look for seeds and nuts.  
Borrow **Fruit Key & Twig Key to Trees & Shrubs** by William Harlow from your library.

**winter**  
Check out the buds, twigs, bark, and overall shape. Stop by the nature center and pick up a free copy of **Forest Trees of Wisconsin**. This booklet contains only native trees (not landscape trees), but it will help you narrow down the possibilities.

**spring**  
Watch for tree flowers!  
Remember that tree flowers are usually small and green. Take a picture. If you don't know what is, submit it to **iNaturalist** or one of the plant identification Facebook groups like **Wisconsin Naturalists** or **Plant Identification**.



**summer**  
Study those leaves. Check out a field guide to trees from your library or try a free tree ID app.



If your tree matches these drawings, you might have a red oak tree!