

HISTORIC & NOTABLE TREES – A WALKING TOUR IN THE DALLES HISTORIC DISTRICT

Our walking tour begins at The Dalles Art Center, on the SW corner of E 4th St and Washington St.

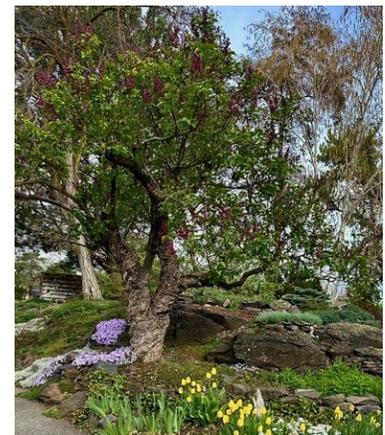
The full loop is approximately 1.75 miles long, but it can be broken into two smaller loops. Enjoy the beauty and diversity of trees as you stroll through our community!

- **Loop A – 0.75 miles long**
- **Loop B – 1.25 miles long**



Loop A

1. On the east side of The Dalles Art Center along Washington Street are two lovely **Japanese Flowering Cherry Trees** and an elegant and hardy native **Vine Maple**. They were planted around 2000; the cherry trees were grown from cuttings of original trees on the property that dated to the early 1900s, a wonderful legacy.
2. Head east on E 4th St, across Washington Street, and walk under the shade of some giant **Sycamore Trees**, planted in the early 1900s. These giants line several streets in our historic neighborhoods.
3. Continue east to Federal Street and turn right, passing two more **Sycamores** with circular planters around each tree.
4. Continue south on Federal up the hill toward an alleyway. Turn left at the alleyway toward Adam's Construction. Before you get to Adam's, look up at the hillside to see multiple examples of native **White Oak Trees**.
5. Turn around and head back west along the alleyway toward Washington Street. As you approach Washington St, notice the two large **Beech Trees** between the parking area and the office buildings.
6. At Washington Street, turn left and begin walking up the hill. Notice the mix of **locust, maple, and oak trees** on the sweep of the curve, next to the Christian Science Church.
7. Continue around the corner and up along E 7th Pl to Case St. Notice the large **Boxelder Maple** near the old stone driveway on the left (north) side of E 7th Pl.
8. Cross E 7th Pl and head up Case St. On your left, you'll see a tall grove of **Douglas Fir Trees**, probably at least 50 years old.
9. Continue up the hill on Case St to E 8th St. Look to your left (east) on 8th St to see a lovely shaded neighborhood on the block between Federal and Laughlin. These are more of the 120-year-old **Sycamore Trees**.
10. Turn around and head back down Case St. Turn left at E 7th Place head toward the library. As you pass 311 E 7th Pl, notice the bonsai-like **Lilac Tree** in the rock garden.



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11. Continue west on E 7th Pl. In the driveway between 300 and 218 E 7th Pl., across from the library parking lot is a large **Walnut Tree**.
12. At 214 E 7th St is a large and graceful **Weeping Birch Tree**.
13. Along the sidewalk above the library parking lot are five large **linden trees**, the only ones on our tour. The trees' flowers are attractive to bees and contribute to excellent honey.
14. No list of noteworthy trees would be complete without the gigantic, graceful **Sycamore** in the library courtyard, the most majestic of these historic trees that particularly thrived in the large backyard of a grand Victorian house that was deeded to the city upon the owner's death. The house stood vacant for many years, but was eventually torn down, and our current library was built around the grand sycamore. Enjoy the wood bear sculptures, too!
15. Turn right and head north, down the hill, on Court St. Pause at E 7th St to look west, past Union St to a lovely specimen of **Weeping Willow**.
16. Continue down the hill to the grand "English cottage style" house (700 Court St) just below the library. Lining the parking strip is a row of **maple trees** which demonstrate the beneficial shade, privacy and beauty that street trees can provide.
17. Now, turn around and look back toward the library. On the hillside below the library, notice the **Native White Oaks**. These are part of the same hillside formation you saw at #4.

Continue to E 5th St. This is the end of Loop A. If you want to stop here, continue north to E 4th St, turn right and head back to The Dalles Art Center. If you want to continue to Loop B, continue reading at #18.

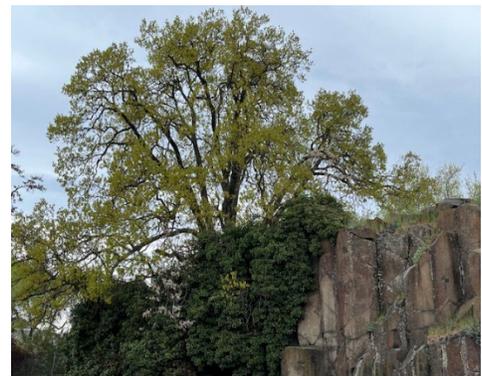
Loop B

If you are starting at The Dalles Art Center, head west on E 4th St, turn left on Court St and walk to E 5th St. If you are continuing from Loop A, continue north to E 5th St.

18. Head west across Court St. Note another beautiful **Sycamore** on the SW corner where George Vause lived in the early 1900s. The Vause home and other early settlement houses in this area eventually gave way to the state office building and parking lot on the south side of E 5th St.
19. Walk west along 5th St toward Union St. Notice the row of **Norway Maples** on the south side of the street, between the sidewalk and the parking lot. Imagine how barren this street would look without these trees. And now imagine how much better the area would look (and feel in the summer) if the large parking lot were broken up by islands of large shady trees. Many old trees were cut down in the construction of this parking lot.
20. At the corner of 5th St and Union, turn left and cross Union St to walk through City Park with its shady mix of **Old Elm and Locust Trees, plus a few younger maples**.

Need a break? Enjoy the shady City Park, official end of the Oregon Trail, for a few minutes. Restrooms are available here from 8 AM – 8 PM during the summer.

21. Walk through the park and continue west on W 6th St. Pass Liberty St, and look for the basalt column on the north side of the W 6th St. Just beyond the basalt column is a very old and stately **White Oak Tree**.

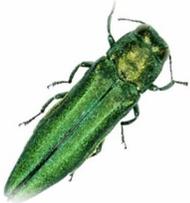


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22. Just beyond the oak is a very old **Locust Tree**.

23. Turn left on Lincoln and head south toward W 7th St. On the northeast corner of W 7th St and Lincoln are two old **Silver Maples**.

24. Cross Lincoln St and head west on W 7th St. passing another **Weeping Birch** on the northwest corner of W 7th St and Lincoln.



25. At 309 W 7th St, to the west of the house, notice the large **Ash Tree**. We don't have many ash trees in the area, but the few we have will likely fall victim to the **emerald ash borer**, an accidentally introduced highly invasive beetle from Asia. The emerald ash borer has already destroyed tens of millions of ash trees in North America and efforts to stop its destruction have largely been unsuccessful. It has made its way to Oregon in recent years. The destruction it has caused in many places demonstrates the classic argument in favor of a diversity of tree species as our climate changes and pests or disease increasingly threaten certain species.

26. On the south side of the street in the parking strip in front of the historic Weigelt House, notice the row of **cherry trees**. They provide shade, beauty, and **delicious fruit in early July!**



27. Continue west on W 7th St. In front of 507 W 7th St is an unusual planting for this area – a **Himalayan Deodar Cedar Tree** on the east side of the house.

28. At 513 W 7th St, note another lovely maple and weeping birch, but also a **Horse Chestnut Tree** toward the back, the only one on our walking tour.

29. Continue straight toward Trevitt St and note the two large **Douglas fir trees**, one on each side of the street.

30. Turn left at Trevitt and W 7th St. and walk one block south. Look across the street to the northwest corner of Trevitt and W 8th (811 Trevitt St) to see the large **Mulberry Tree**. This tree has been measured and found to have the largest trunk diameter for this species in all of Oregon!



31. Turn around and walk back down the hill (north) on Trevitt St. Look to your left as you continue toward the historic Williams House and notice the large stump behind the house. Last summer we lost one of our grandest **ponderosa pine trees**. Bark beetle infestations, aided by climate change, have decimated our ponderosa population, most notably at Sorois Park. As you pass the Williams House, notice the huge **Western Red Cedar Tree** on the west side of the house. (see photo on left)

32. Continue across W 3rd Pl and turn right. At 524 W 3rd Pl, note the large **Magnolia Tree**. Some people colloquially call this a “tulip tree” for its large tulip shaped flowers early in the spring.

33. From here, look across the street on the hillside to see a mixed grove of tall old **ponderosa pines, spruce, locus, and white oak trees**. Many predate the house, built in the early 1900s.

34. Between 515 and 509 W 3rd Pl, notice the large **vine maple** in the front, and a **birch and locust trees** farther back. On the east side of 509 W 3rd Pl, look for the **Sweet Gum Tree** with its characteristic spikey seed pods on the sidewalk below.

35. At the Historic Patterson House (507 W 3rd Pl), see another **Douglas Fir** and an unusual **Weeping Spruce Tree**. This house lost a grand ancient fir last summer.

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36. Standing at 505 W 3rd Pl. Look across the street to see some tall **Douglas Fir, Cedar and Ponderosa Pine Trees**.

37. As you continue down W 3rd St., look across at 412 W 3rd PL. Notice the **White Oaks** on the hillside behind what locals call “the gingerbread house”, or Stadleman house.

38. Continue toward the intersection and notice the giant **Black Walnut Tree** just left of the sidewalk.

39. Stop at the intersection of W 3rd Pl and W 4th St. Look toward the footbridge that crosses Mill Creek and leads to Thompson Park. Notice the many trees, including **cottonwoods, elms, willows, and** several varieties of maple that line the riparian zone of the creek. These trees provide many important habitat requirements for fish and other wildlife in and around Mill Creek, as well as a wonderful refuge in the summer heat for us, too!

40. Cross the intersection and head east on W 4th St. On the corner is a large **Norway Maple Tree**.

41. As you continue east, notice the row of **Honey Locust Trees** that line the sidewalk, providing important shade for pedestrians and the office buildings in the summer. Well-places trees can reduce our energy costs.

42. Proceed east along W 4th St. on the north side and enjoy the majesty of the giant **American elm trees**.

- corner of Lincoln and West 4th Street (north side)
- 207 West 4th St
- In front of the Law Offices of Toole, Carter, Tissot, and Coats.

43. Continue east on W 4th St until you come to the parking lot of US Bank. Here you'll find several varieties of **crabapple trees**, which fill the parking lot with luscious color in the early spring and provide some shade during our hot summers.

Cross the street and you are back at The Dalles Art Center, your starting place.



We hope you've had a lovely walk, enjoying the beauty of our historical neighborhood and its older, unique trees, a wonderful gift from those who lived here in the past, for which we are grateful. Let's do the same for future generations.

Plant a tree and appreciate what it brings to the landscape: shade, beauty, clean air, cooler temperatures, and habitat for creatures of all kinds!

Did we miss another noteworthy tree, or mis-identify something on our list? Let us know at cityinfo@ci.the-dalles.or.us so we can continue to improve our walking tour.