

# BIG OLD TREE CONTEST

**Entry deadline is April 1**

Help Nashville Tree Foundation identify the oldest and largest trees in Nashville and Davidson County.

## How to enter

ENTER ONLINE at [nashvilletreefoundation.org/botc.html](http://nashvilletreefoundation.org/botc.html) or fill out the form below. Make your best guess or see instructions for measuring at right. Don't worry about being exact — our experts will remeasure all entries.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Species name \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

### MEASUREMENTS

Circumference in inches 4½ feet above ground:  +

Height in feet:  +

Crown spread in feet divided by 4:  =

TOTAL POINTS (add the three numbers above):

### NOMINATOR

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### OWNER

Name \_\_\_\_\_

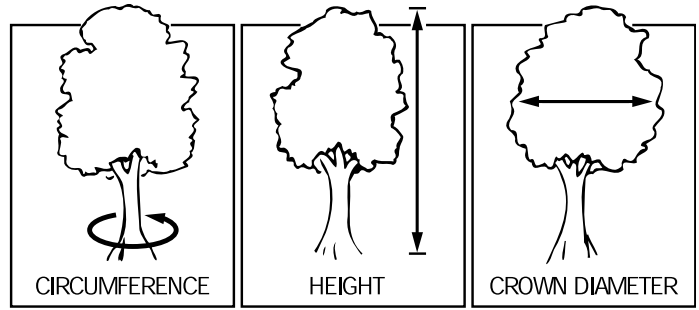
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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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### MAIL TO

Nashville Tree Foundation, 106 S. Bellevue Dr., Nashville TN 37205.  
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## How to measure a big tree

To do a preliminary check for a champion-quality tree, you need a long piece of string, a tape measure, a stick as long as your arm, and four sticks for stakes.

### CIRCUMFERENCE:

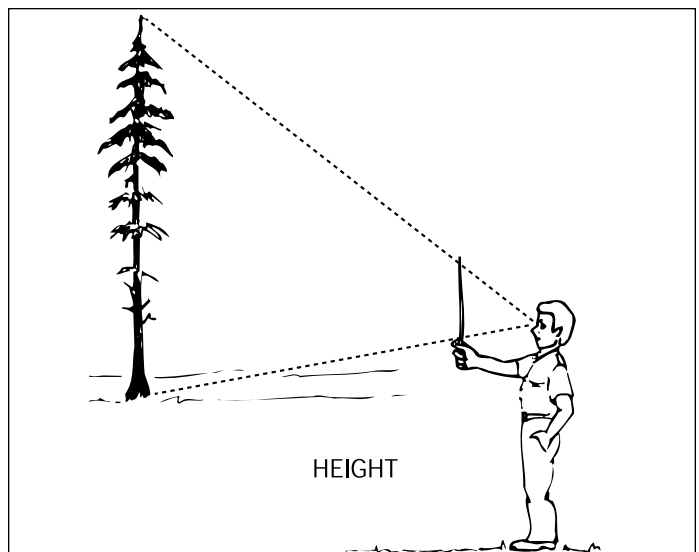
1. Measure the trunk 4½ feet above the ground.

### HEIGHT:

1. Hold a stick at arm's length with the top of the stick at eye level.
2. Walk backward away from the tree. When your hand lines up with the base of the tree and the top of the stick lines up with the top of the tree, mark the spot. The distance from the trunk to the spot is approximately the height of the tree.

### CROWN:

1. Look for the widest part of the crown and mark the end of each pair of branches by placing a stake in the ground.
2. Find the narrowest part of the crown and mark the ends of its branches.
3. Measure the distance between the two pairs of stakes. Add the two distances and divide by two to get the average width of the crown.



Nashville Tree Foundation is a non-profit organization that works to preserve and enhance Nashville's urban forest by educating the public, planting trees in urban areas, identifying the oldest and largest trees in Davidson County, and designating arboretums.

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**292-5175**