



The University of Nevada, Reno was established as a state arboretum by the 1985 Nevada Legislature "to increase the knowledge and appreciation of the public of flora indigenous to Nevada and from other areas and to provide a place where they may be planted and cultivated as memorials." The campus is a living collection of plants, including trees, shrubs, flowers, ornamentals, and native flora. Arboretums cultivate appreciation of the social, economic, environmental and aesthetic value of trees and the urban forest.

The Arboretum Board's mission is to plan university landscape, conduct research, and educate the public.

Faculty, staff, students, and community members who have an interest in the university and would like to participate in landscaping are welcome to contact the Arboretum Board.

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## The University of Nevada, Reno Arboretum



## Guide to the Tree Walks These descriptions refer to the numbered tree walks on the inside map

- #1 Center Street main entrance, Sarah H. Fleischmann, Morrill Hall Alumni Center:** Walk among some of the oldest trees and oldest buildings on campus. See Points of Interest, K., on opposite side of this brochure, for more information.
- #2 Clark Administration to Mackay School of Mines:** This walk begins with a stately American elm and features six different types of maples. At the end, the visitor is treated to a wooded area filled with laurel, dogwood, holly, birch and alder.
- #3 Scrugham Engineering-Mines to Palmer Engineering:** A cool, fragrant, and secluded corner under giant sequoias.
- #4 Edmund J. Cain Hall:** A variety of junipers may be seen, including tree, shrub, and groundcover types. Many of the trees are springtime bloomers.
- #5 East and West of the Center Street main entrance:** This walk features two unusual deciduous conifers: Dawn redwoods, considered living fossils, were rediscovered in China in 1945. You will also find the red mulberry, known as a food source for the silkworm in China.
- #6 South of Nevada Historical Society to north of Planetarium:** A large native goodding willow is the highlight of this walk, along with the memorial tree planted in honor of the Challenger space shuttle crew. There are more pines hardy to Nevada planted here than in any other one spot on campus.
- #7 Chemistry Building, Mack Social Science:** This walk is best taken in spring when the crabapple and cherry trees are in bloom. However, this area is also planted with a combination of trees and shrubs known for lovely fall color.
- #8 Church Fine Arts to west side of Getchell Library:** A giant redwood provides protection for an area behind Church Fine Arts that is home to a beautiful pacific dogwood, mimosa silk tree, and raywood ash. Seating is available here as well.
- #9 Morrill Hall Alumni Center, Ross Hall:** Enjoy a walk around the university Quad and take in some of the oldest trees on campus. Originally planted with American elm trees, the Quad has hybrid elms along the walkway as well. There are also mature specimens of many hardwood trees from throughout the United States.
- #10 Clark Administration, Manzanita Hall, Juniper Hall:** The trees surrounding Manzanita Lake benefit from the unique microclimate created by the lake: higher humidity, greater availability of groundwater, cooler temperatures, etc. Cherries, dogwood, flowering pear, and hawthornes are just a few of the species you will see.
- #11 Manzanita Bowl:** This lovely walk around Manzanita Bowl (the lawn area) has many examples of mature trees that do well in our area. There are a number of evergreens including pines, junipers, cedar, redwood, and arborvitae. A great spot to picnic or do some birdwatching.
- #12 Reynolds Journalism, Mack Social Science:** Known as the Albert Hilliard Plaza/Fall Foliage Quad; however, it is exceedingly beautiful in spring as well. Of special note is the stand of ponderosa pine planted between the Journalism building and the Education building. There is also an imposing 60' tall atlas cedar planted in front of the Mack Social Science building.
- #13 Manzanita Hall:** Welcome to Jimmie's Garden. This area is planted with a large variety of plants that are best grown in filtered shade and acidic soils. As the trees grow taller and provide a protective canopy, the plants will begin to fill in and take on the feel of a garden one might see in the southern United States.
- #14 Fleischmann Agriculture Quad:** The small quad provides a protected microclimate in which several plants not known to grow in northern Nevada are able to survive. A highlight is the Joe Robertson Native garden that is planted with many unusual specimens from deserts throughout Nevada.
- #15 Nevada Experiment Station (Valley Road):** This collection of trees was planted during the 1960s and 1970s while the Range, Wildlife, and Forestry area of study was located here. Many of the tree species were experimental at that time, and are still not currently found in the nursery industry. The border to the north displays plants native to Nevada.

**Tree riddle answers:**  
a) Pear, b) Date,  
c) Pine, d) Hickory,  
e) Elder.

