Tree Tour BT4. Valley Road Park Big Trees

Welcome to "Rod's Tree Tours" of the University of Nevada Reno Arboretum. My name is Rod Haulenbeek, AKA "The Tree Hunter." I am the host for this tour.

This is the "Valley Road Park Big Trees" Tree Tour. This park is east of the main campus. To get there from the Fleischmann Ag Quad, turn left onto Evans Street and take the next right, Highland Street. At its end, turn right on Valley Road and go a couple of blocks. The park is opposite Poplar Street on the left. If you have a UNR permit, you may park in the parking lot; otherwise, there is street parking.

It starts near the southwestern corner of Valley Road Park and heads eastward toward the Wine Grape Field east of the park. There are five trees on this tour.

For more information on the various attributes, go to the Frequently Asked Questions Link on "Rod's Tree Tour."

Also, I am giving you the number of points the National Champion has, so you can see how the UNR trees "stack up." If a tree doesn't have a National Champion, I shall tell you so.

Okay, let's get started.

From the southwest corner of the park, walk about 40 feet east toward the Wine Grape Field. Near the driveway at number 1 on the map is a small tree with crooked branches. It is:

**Autumn Olive**
Scientific Name: *Elaeagnus umbellata*
Type Big Tree: Champion
Circumference at breast height: 14 inches
Height: 16 feet
Average spread: 18 feet
Total points: 34
National Champion: none

Continue along the driveway for about 150 feet, then go north about 50 feet until you see a tree with long, thin leaves at number 2 on the map. This is:

**Sawtooth Oak**
Scientific name: *Quercus acutissima*
Type Big Tree: Champion
Circumference at breast height: 40 feet
Height: 42 feet
Average spread: 33 feet
Total points: 90
National champion: none

Go to the southeast corner of the park, to two small trees about 20 feet east of the Wine Grape Fence and about 20 feet from the driveway. The one nearest the fence, at number 3, is:
**Amur Honeysuckle**  
Scientific name: *Lonicera maackii*  
Type champion: Champion  
Circumference at breast height: 57 inches  
Height: 18 feet  
Average spread: 26 feet  
Total points: 82  
National champion: none  

Head north about 20 feet and west about 50 feet to the nearest tree at number 4, with leaves similar to the Sawtooth Oak's at number 2. It is:

**Dwarf Chinkapin Oak**  
Scientific name: *Quercus prinoides*  
Type champion: Champion  
Circumference at breast height: 40 inches  
Height: 28 feet  
Average spread: 28 feet  
Total points: 75  
National champion: 84 points  

Head directly toward Valley Road about 100 feet. The first of four trees in a row, at number 5, is:

**Chestnut Oak**  
Scientific name: *Quercus prinus*  
Type Big Tree: Champion  
Circumference at breast height: 40 feet  
Height: 49 feet  
Average spread: 36 feet  
Total points: 98  
National champion: 407 points  

This concludes the "Valley Road Park Big Trees" Tree Tour. Thank you for joining me on this tour. If you would like to support the Arboretum, please see the options on the “Donate” link on the UNR Arboretum website.