

1. & 2. Osage Orange, This section of Lorraine Road is home to several Osage Orange trees which are mature remnants from an old farm hedgerow used to divide pastures and fields before barb wire was invented. One dead Osage Orange tree from this area was recently removed by the City of Wheaton Forestry Department and was found to be 120 years old.

3. Turn on the Bike/Ped path at Harwarden Street.

4. Weeping Willow, Northeast corner of Prospect St. and Liberty Ave.

5. Cottonwood, 55" DBH, 145 S. Summit St.

6. American Elm, 30" DBH, 1425 E. Liberty Ave.

7. Silver Poplar AKA White Poplar, 35" DBH, 1400 E. Avery Ave.

8. HOFFMAN PARK, A nice wooded park. Take the trail North through the park to the Illinois Prairie Path. Parking and picnic tables are available at this park.

9. White Pine and Norway Spruce, The White Pine center leader has responded to winds by bending and growing in the direction of prevailing winds. The neighboring tree is a Norway Spruce. Chase St. Northwest of RR tracks.

10. The Trees of Wheaton College, There are many interesting and mature trees on the campus, including; American Elm (near Leedy Field), Sugar Maple, Black Walnut, (East of McCallister Hall) Ginkgo, European White Birch, White Pine, (South of McCallister Hall).

11. ADAMS PARK, A beautiful landscaped park covering an entire block. Former home site of John Quincy Adams. Early resident of Wheaton (1876). Distant relative of U. S. Presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams. The property was left to the City of Wheaton by Katherine Adams Wells for use as a park. Many of the trees are identified with tags. Trees of interest in this park include: Kentucky Coffee, Amur Maple, American Beech, Ginkgo, Hackberry, (Northwest Quadrant). Tree Lilac, Saucer Magnolia, Honey Locust (Northeast Quadrant). Bald Cypress, Elm, Kentucky Coffee, Tamarack, European Black Alder, American Beech (Southeast Quadrant). Muscle Wood, Kentucky Coffee (Southwest Quadrant). Bike riding is not allowed in Adams Park, lock your bike to the rack on Wesley and take a walk through the park. This is a must see site on the tour.

The mature Kentucky Coffee trees are one of the trees of pride in the park.

12. MEMORIAL PARK, Union Ave. and Hale St. Judge Elbert Gary home site. (Demolished) Son of Wheaton co-founder Erastus Gary. As president of U. S. Steel, Elbert Gary established the steel mills in Gary, Indiana. The city of Gary, Indiana is named after him. The park also is home to the senior citizens center and the Municipal band shell. The park is named Memorial park to honor American servicemen who served in various conflicts around the world. The impressive Doughboy bronze statue honors WWI servicemen. Trees of interest in the park include: Sugar Maple and Black Walnut.

13. European Beech, Located East of the Franklin School on Scott Street. An excellent specimen.

14. White Ash, 44" DBH, 603 N. Scott St.

15. Black Walnut, 23" DBH, 227 E. Lincoln Ave.

16. Northern Catalpa, 31" DBH, 620 N. Scott St.

17. Larch AKA Tamarack, Two large specimens. 17" & 23" DBH, 305 E. Jefferson Ave.

18. Linden AKA Basswood, 26" DBH, 305 E. Jefferson Ave.

19. White Birch, 323 E. Jefferson Ave.

20. Horse Chestnut, Southwest of house, 343 E. Jefferson Ave. (Private)

21. European Beech, Southeast of house, 343 E. Jefferson Ave. (Private)

22. Sugar Maple, 343 E. Jefferson Ave. (Parkway)

23. Birch Trees, North & South of Forest at Irving Ave.

24. White Poplars, at LAWSON PARK, A row of mature White Poplars in the North Forest Ave. parkway.

25. White Clump Birch, 516 E. Wakeman Ave.

26. Black Locust, 26" DBH, 425 E. Wakeman Ave.

27. American Elm, 32" DBH, 425 E. Wakeman Ave.

28. American Elm, 39" DBH, 340 E. Hawthorne Blvd.

29. HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD, A boulevard is a street type that celebrates trees with a center island of trees. The "Grand Boulevards" typically are all one species of tree. Hawthorne Blvd. is an eclectic collection of trees including; Norway Pine, Ginkgo, Norway Maple, Red Maple, White Ash, Sycamore, Black Cherry, Honey Locust.

30. River Birch, 311 E. Hawthorne Blvd.

31. Hawthorn, A lone Hawthorn is located North of the Hawthorne School.

32. Horse Chestnut, 215 E. Prairie Ave. (Private).

33. Red Elm AKA Slippery Elm, 27" DBH, 203 W. Prairie Ave.

34. NORTHSIDE PARK, One of Wheaton's finest parks. An islanded lagoon, with a wood arched bridge, forms the heart of this park. Boy and Girl Scout log cabins add to the charm. A bike rack is located at the south entry near the sled hill. Bike the asphalt and gravel trail around the park to Darling Street and bike south 2 blocks and re-enter the park. Complete the loop to West Street. Trees of interest in the park include: Silver Maples, Red Maples, Large Cottonwoods, Sycamore White Pines, Kentucky Coffee, Mulberry, Bur Oak. Parking and picnic tables are available at this park.

35. American Sycamore, 27" DBH, 1110 N. West St.

36. Linden AKA Basswood, 827 N. West St.

37. American Beech, 827 N. West St.

38. Ginkgo, 814 N. West St. (Private)

39. American Beech, 712 N. West St. (Private)

40. Red Oak, 712 N. West St.

41. White Pines, 712 N. West St.

42. ORCHARD FIELD SITE, The blocks near Gary Court, Gary Avenue, Harrison Street was the former site of Orchard Field, the Wheaton High School football field when Harold "Red" Grange (Class of 1922) played football for the school. This site is included for the trees which are no longer here. The football field got it's name from the former fruit tree orchards which were near the field.

43. Columnar English Oak, 512 N. West St. (Private).

44. Elgin Branch of the Illinois Prairie Path.

45. Bur Oaks, Large specimens located at the corner of Pierce Ave. and Electric Ave.

46. LINCOLN MARSH, A 130 acre nature preserve which includes marsh, oak savanna and wet prairie ecosystems. Lock your bike and hike the interpretive nature trail loops (no bikes allowed on nature trails) which meander into the marsh.

47. Bur Oak Savanna, To visit this ecosystem lock your bike and hike the marked trail to the oak savanna.

48. After your visit to the Lincoln Marsh there is a path through the marsh which connects to the Illinois Prairie Path, just South of Mile Marker #1, on which bikes are allowed. Take this and backtrack south a short distance on the Illinois Prairie Path to W. Stevens park.

49. W. W. STEVENS PARK, A small park with a picnic table. A great spot for a bag lunch.

50. VOLUNTEER PARK, There are two small Pin Oaks in this park. They can be easily identified in the winter because they do not shed their leaves until spring.

51. The safest route to Evergreen Street is to cut through the auto repair garage parking lot here.

52. Sugar Maple, In the 300 West block of Evergreen Street, on the former Jesse Wheaton homestead, is a Sugar Maple planted by Jesse Wheaton, one of the city's founding fathers.

53. WHEATON PARK DISTRICT OFFICE, Trees of interest include: European Black Alder, Black Locust, Cottonwood, Flowering Dogwood.

54. & 55. American White Ash, This section of Illinois St. has many mature American White Ash trees.

56. Weeping Mulberry, 702 E. Illinois St.

57. LOWELL SCHOOL, There are several large American Elms in the Lowell School Parkway.

58. White Poplar, Northeast corner of Prospect St. and Illinois Ave.

59. American Elm, 42" DBH, 306 S. Lorraine. Note the lightning strike.

NOTE: DBH = Diameter @ Breast Height (4' - 6")

QUICK GUIDE: Lorraine (N), Harwarden bike/ped way (W), Travers (S), Liberty (W), Summit (N), Harwarden bike/ped way (E), Prospect (N), Hoffman park trail (N), Prairie Path (W), Chase (N), Franklin (Bike/ped way thru Wheaton college) (W), Washington (S), Seminary (W), Hale (N), Union (E), Scott (N), Jefferson (E), Irving (N), Forest (E), Santa Rose (N), Wakeman (W), Washington (N), Hawthorne Blvd. (W), Scott (S), Prairie (W), Northside Park loop (N,W) Darling (S), Northside Park Loop (S), West St. (S), Lincoln (W), Illinois Prairie Path (NW), Jewel road exit hairpin left turn to (W), Electric Ave (SE), Pierce (S), Harrison (E), Lincoln Marsh bike/ped trail cut through (NE), Illinois Prairie Path (SE) Carlton (S), Evergreen (E), Wheaton Park District trail, Hubble School sidewalks (N), Illinois (E).

ABOUT SOME OF THE TREES

American Beech-Fagus grandifolia; Ovate-oblong leaves 2" to 5" long with coarse serrate, 50 to 70 feet tall when mature, thin smooth light bluish gray to silvery bark on young trees, darker on mature trees. American Elm-Ulmus americana; Ovate-oblong leaves 3" to 6" with serrated edge, 60 to 80 feet tall with 1/2 to 2/3 spread, dark gray-brown bark. Amur Maple-Acer ginnala; 3 lobed 1 1/2" to 3" long leaves, 15 to 20 feet tall when mature, grayish brown bark.

Bald Cypress-Taxodium distichum; Linear-Lanceolate leaves 3/4" long 3/8" wide bright yellow green, 50 to 70 feet tall when mature, reddish brown fibrous bark, the trunk develops buttresses or "knees" especially in wet areas. Basswood-See Linden

Black Locust-Robinia pseudoacacia; Compound 6" to 14" leaves with 1" to 2" elliptic leaflets, 30 to 50 feet tall when mature, reddish brown to black bark, produces flat black brown pod 2" to 4" long.

Black Walnut-Juglans nigra; Compound ovate-oblong leaves with 15 to 23 leaflets each 2" to 5" long, 50 to 75 feet tall when mature, can grow to 150 feet tall, dark brown to grayish black bark with deep furrows forming roughly diamond shaped pattern.

Bur Oak-Quercus macrocarpa; Base fiddle shaped 4" to 10" long leaves, lower portion of the leaf has 5 to 7 pairs of lobes, 70 to 80 feet tall when mature, rough dark gray bark with deep ridges and furrows, produces acorns with a fringe.

Cottonwood-Populus deltoides; Broad ovate leaves 3" to 5" long, 75 to 100 feet tall, when mature, ash-gray heavy fissured bark.

Columnar English Oak-Quercus robur; 2" to 5" long leaves with 3 to 5 lobes, 70 to 100 feet tall when mature, rough dark gray black bark with deep ridges and furrows, produces acorns.

European Beech-Fagus sylvatica; Ovate leaves 2" to 4" long, 50 to 60 feet tall when mature, smooth gray bark which is darker than the American Beech and begins to look like elephant skin on older trees of this species.

European Black Alder-Alnus glutinosa; Round 2" to 4" long leaves, 40 to 60 feet tall when mature, polished brown bark on mature tree.

Ginkgo-Ginkgo biloba; Fan shaped leaves 2" to 3" across, 50 to 80 feet tall when mature, gray-brown bark ridges with darker furrows. One of the worlds oldest trees.

Hackberry-Celtis occidentalis; Ovate leaves 2" to 5" long, 40 to 60 feet tall when mature, bark may have wart like projections.

Honey Locust-Gleditsia tricanthos; Compound 6" to 8" leaves with 20 to 30 oblong-lanceolate leaflets, 30 to 70 feet tall when mature, grayish brown bark.

Horse Chestnut-Aesculus hippocastanum; Palmately compound leaves with 5 to 7 leaflets, 4" to 10" long, 50 to 75 feet tall when mature, dark gray to brown bark with orangish brown inner bark.

Kentucky Coffee-Gymnocladus dioica; Compound leaves 36" long to 24" wide, 60 to 75 feet tall when mature, dark brown bark with scale-like ridges, reddish brown leathery pods 5" to 7" long form the fruit of this tree, the seeds were used by early settlers as a coffee substitute.

Linden-Tilia americana; Broad ovate leaves 4" to 8" long coarsely serrated, 60 to 80 feet tall when mature, flowers form in June, gray to brown bark narrow flat topped scaly ridged.

Muscle Wood-Carpinus caroliniana; Ovate-oblong 2" to 5" long leaves with sharp double serrate, 20 to 30 feet tall when mature, smooth dark bluish gray bark.

Northern Catalpa-Catalpa speciosa; Ovate-oblong leaves 6" to 12" long, 40 to 60 feet tall when mature, grayish brown ridged and furrowed bark, produces 8" to 20" long seed pods.

Norway Spruce-Picea abies; 1/2" to 1" needles, 40 to 60 feet tall when mature, thin gray flaking bark with scales, produces 4" to 6" cones.

Osage Orange-Maclura pomifera; Simple ovate to oblong leaves 2" to 5" long, 20 to 40 feet tall when mature, ash brown or dark orange-brown bark, yellow-green fruit about the size of an orange mature in the fall.

Pin Oak-Quercus palustris; Leaves are 3" to 6" long with 5 to 7 narrow lobes, 60 to 70 feet tall when mature, grayish brown bark with pointed shallow ridges and furrows, produces acorns with a saucer like cap.

Silver Poplar-Populus alba; Palm shaped leaves with 3 to 5 lobes 2" to 5", 40 to 70 feet tall when mature, greenish-gray to white bark with darker blotches.

Red Elm-Ulmus rubra; Ovate-oblong leaves 3" to 6" with serrated edge, 60 to 80 feet tall with 1/2 to 2/3 spread, dark gray-brown bark.

Red Oak-Quercus rubra; Leaves 4" to 8" long and has 7 to 11 lobes, 60 to 75 feet tall when mature, rough almost black bark with deep ridges and furrows, produces acorns.

Slippery Elm-See Red Elm.

Sugar Maple-Acer saccharum; 3 to 5 coarsely lobed 3" to 6" leaves, 60 to 100' tall when mature with 2/3 spread, smooth gray-brown bark when young becoming deeply furrowed with plates and ridges with age.

Sycamore-Platanus occidentalis; Broad 4" to 9" leaves with 3 to 5 pointed lobes, 75 to 100 feet tall when mature, red brown scaly bark near base with lighter palomino upper bark.

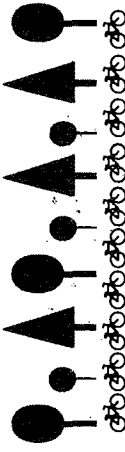
Tamarack-See Larch.

White Ash-Fraxinus americana; Compound leaves with 5 to 7 ovate leaflets, 50 to 80 feet when mature, ash gray to gray brown furrowed diamond bark.

White Poplar-See Silver Poplar.

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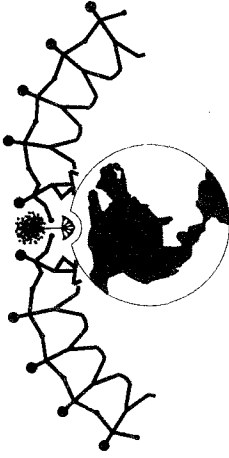
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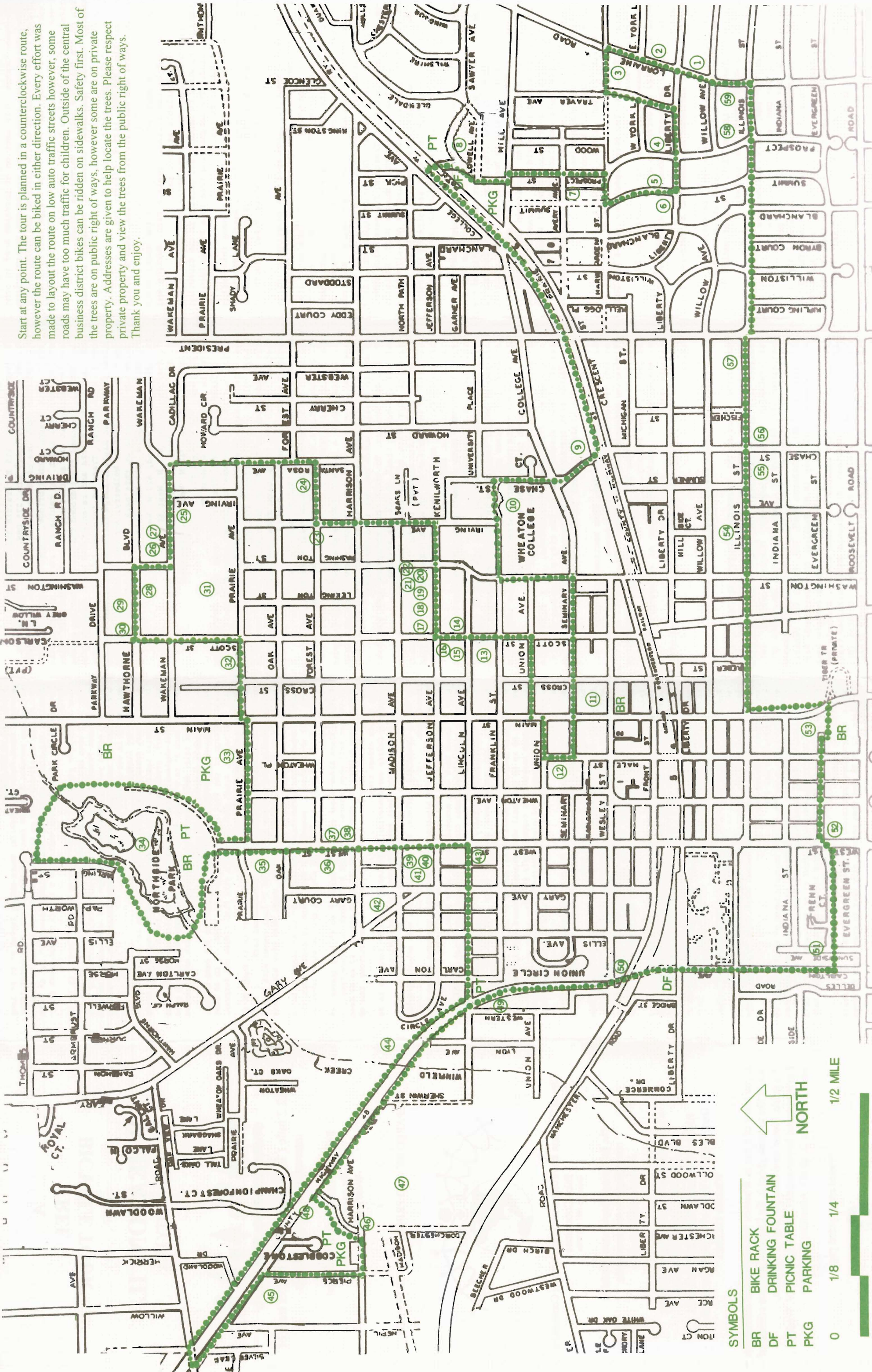
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Start at any point. The tour is planned in a counterclockwise route, however the route can be biked in either direction. Every effort was made to layout the route on low auto traffic streets however, some roads may have too much traffic for children. Outside of the central business district bikes can be ridden on sidewalks. Safety first. Most of the trees are on public right of ways, however some are on private property. Addresses are given to help locate the trees. Please respect private property and view the trees from the public right of ways. Thank you and enjoy.



SYMBOLS

- BR BIKE RACK
- DF DRINKING FOUNTAIN
- PT PICNIC TABLE
- PKG PARKING

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NORTH ↑