

Tree Exploration

Use the tree key to identify 3 different trees:

Choose ONE tree and fill out the survey below.

Tree Name:

Description of tree (height, color, smell, texture, leaves/needles, nuts/fruits/seeds; any interesting characteristics):

Take a core sample from the tree and count the rings to estimate the age of the tree.

Estimated Age:

Interesting features/markings found in sample:

Investigate the health of your tree.

Is it dead or alive? What is helping or hurting your tree?

What is your tree's role in the forest ecosystem?

Examine your tree more closely.

Are there any insects, spiders, or signs of animals on or near your tree? What kinds, and how many?

List 3 things a tree needs to survive:

List 3 things that depend on the tree to survive:

One interesting thing about my tree (not mentioned before) is:

Draw a picture or write a short story or poem about your tree in the space below:

In the box below, make a leaf or bark rubbing of your tree.

