

*Arkansas Champion Trees:
An Artist's Journey*

Match the Memories

Remember the trees in your life! Match your memories to the topics listed below that are found in the exhibit.

1. Artist Process Panel: The artist played under an oak tree in her schoolyard. What tree do you most vividly remember from your childhood? Why?
2. Bur Oak Label: The "King of Keo" was blown down in a tornado. Have you seen trees damaged in a storm? What happened next?
3. White Ash Label: This type of wood is good for baseball bats and firewood! Describe when you have cut wood, helped gather wood, or enjoyed a fire.
4. Champion Trees Panel: Champion trees are large because they are allowed to grow without being cut down or harvested. Describe a tree that has noticeably grown larger in your lifetime. Where is it?
5. Name a tree not in the exhibit that you think is useful or beautiful, and tell why. See if it has a champion on the Arkansas Forestry website!
<http://forestry.arkansas.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

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Into the Frame

Choose a favorite exhibit drawing. Imagine that you can step into that drawing for a day. Follow the prompts below to describe your personal visit to that champion tree.

1. Tell or write the name of the tree you will visit.

2. Using the clues in the drawings, tell what time of year it is, and what the weather is like when you visit. _____

3. List four objects that you will take with you on your visit. _____

4. Tell what you do during your visit.

5. Tell or write one object or person you find during your visit.

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Once Upon a Time

Choose a favorite exhibit photograph or drawing. Use the information in the image to create a story with a friend or family member. One person starts the story and then both take turns saying what comes next.

Option A

Tell the story from the tree's point of view. Begin with the sentence, "I am a _____ tree."
Tell about a very important day in your life, such as when you were planted, during a storm or drought, when an interesting animal visited you in the forest, or when you grew tall enough to see over the other trees. End your story by telling how you felt that day, and what day you look forward to next.

Option B

Tell the story from a person's point of view: yours, or an imaginary character. Begin with the sentence, "Yesterday, I noticed a _____ tree."
Tell about how you found it, why you noticed it, and what happened while you were near the tree. End your story by telling how you felt about what happened, and what you did next.

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Treasure Hunt

Find the items listed below in the exhibit drawings and photographs. Think about the question for each one.

- a tire swing
What is another way to play on this tree?
- a bunch of sharp wooden "knees"
When do these knees disappear?
- a stone and bronze marker, and a fence around the tree
Why is this tree so important?
- a tree named for a fruit
What is the real fruit of this oak?
What animals eat that fruit?
- a tree with bark that looks like an elephant
What animal likes to eat this bark?
- the tallest short leaf pine tree in Arkansas
How is this drawing different from all the others? Where do you feel like you're standing when you look at it?
- headstones or gravestones
The stones mark graves of soldiers killed in the Civil War, which was about 150 years ago. Do you know a present-day soldier?

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