

MEET SURREY'S HERITAGE TREES

"Trees are your best antiques".

– Alexander Smith

"Today I have grown taller from walking with the trees."

– Karle Wilson Baker

For more information about heritage trees on public property, call 604-501-5050.

For more information about heritage trees on private property, call 604-591-4675.

Interested in meeting more trees?
Visit our arboretums at

REDWOOD PARK 17920 20 AVENUE
SURREY NATURE CENTRE 14255 96 AVENUE

Visit our website to meet more of Surrey's heritage trees.



www.surrey.ca/trees



When you think of a city's heritage, it's easy to picture old buildings, churches, and roadways. Do you picture the trees? Our heritage includes anything that we inherit from the past, value in the present, and plan to preserve for the future. Of course this includes trees, and in Surrey, we are proud to have over 200 trees with heritage status!

When a tree is nominated for heritage status, it is evaluated by a certified arborist based on a number of factors such as its age, size, health, and location; it is then reviewed by Surrey's Heritage Advisory Commission; and finally, if the tree is suitable, it may be granted heritage status by Surrey's Mayor and Council.

This guide showcases just a sample of a growing group of heritage trees in Surrey. Use it to explore your community and its living heritage. Most of these trees are identified by a stone/plaque at/or near the base of the tree.

COMMUNITY OF TREES

Trees touch all parts of our everyday lives. They give us fruit and nuts, and wood for our houses. They help clean the air, improve our quality of life, and beautify our City. They are some of the most amazing living things that we come into contact with every day. They grow in our parks and yards, and along our streets. The tallest, oldest, heaviest, and largest living things on earth are trees.

Each tree in Surrey is a member of our community, just as much as we are. They are the shade makers, the swing holders, the fruit growers, the works of art. Our lives are linked with trees in countless ways, and Surrey would simply not be the same without them.



The City of Surrey reserves the right to photograph nominated trees, and use photos and details for various publicity purposes (brochures, website, etc) without the express written consent of the owner. All nomination forms and other submitted materials become the property of the City of Surrey and will not be returned to the sender.

GREAT TREE HUNT

We are always on the hunt for the Great Trees of Surrey. If you know of a tree that could be considered for heritage status, fill out this form and mail it to:
Surrey Nature Centre, 14255 – 96th Ave,
Surrey BC, V3V 7Z2 or email the information to
environment@surrey.ca

Location of tree (address): _____

Tree type: _____

Estimated height: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Additional heritage information: _____

Nominator's name and address: _____

Estimated circumference (girth): _____

The most common tree species in Surrey's heritage trees register is the native giant, Douglas-fir. It is the most dominant native tree species in our local ecosystem, so it's no wonder it grows so well here!



The shortest heritage tree in Surrey is a Weeping White Mulberry tree located at the Surrey Nature Centre at Green Timbers, standing only 3.2 metres (10.5 feet) tall.



One of Surrey's rarest heritage trees is an Antarctic Beech in Darts Hill Garden Park. This species is native to South America, and is the southernmost tree species in the world.



This is a Western Redcedar stump on Queen Mary Boulevard that measures 30 feet around! Trees of this size were common in Surrey before it was settled.



One of the tallest heritage trees in Surrey is a 61 metre (200 feet) tall Douglas-fir on 0 Avenue.



The oldest known tree planted in a Surrey park is a Beech tree in Fort Kells Park that was planted in 1898.



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SOME OF SURREY'S NOTABLE HERITAGE TREES



Tulip Tree
12967 Old Yale Road

View this enormous tree in late spring to see why it got its name. The unique flowers look like out-of-place tulips perched among the branches and the leaves have the silhouette of a tulip.



Sugar Maples
8495 144 Street

This pair of over 80 year old trees is best viewed in autumn when their leaves are the most striking shades of yellow, orange, and iconic Canadian-flag red.



English Oak
19340 88 Avenue

This tree is one of the 29 heritage trees in Port Kells Park. At over 70 years old, it isn't the oldest tree in the park, but it's size, shape, and setting make it one of the most eye-catching.



American Elm
8135 132 Street

At 4 metres (over 13 feet) around, it might take your whole family to give this wide tree a hug!



Weeping Willow
8375 168 Street

Viewing this tree evokes thoughts and feelings, making it easy to understand how willows have been part of so many famous stories including Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter, The Wind in the Willows, Pocahontas, and even Shakespeare's Hamlet.



Brewer Weeping Spruce
12731 Beckett Road

This unique spruce features graceful weeping branches that hang down like lace curtains.



Butternut
6091 181A Street

This tree is one of the youngest on our list at only around 50 years old. Don't let its young age fool you though; this tree is outstanding because of its health and size.



Sitka Spruce
13398 Vine Maple Drive

This native tree is over 100 years old and towers over its neighbours, with its lowest branches above the other trees' crowns. Notice the huge flared trunk that keeps this giant stable.



Douglas-fir
15100 22 Avenue

You'll recognize this massive tree as soon as you see it. With a graceful curve, the trunk soars skyward to a staggering 48 metres (157 feet) tall.



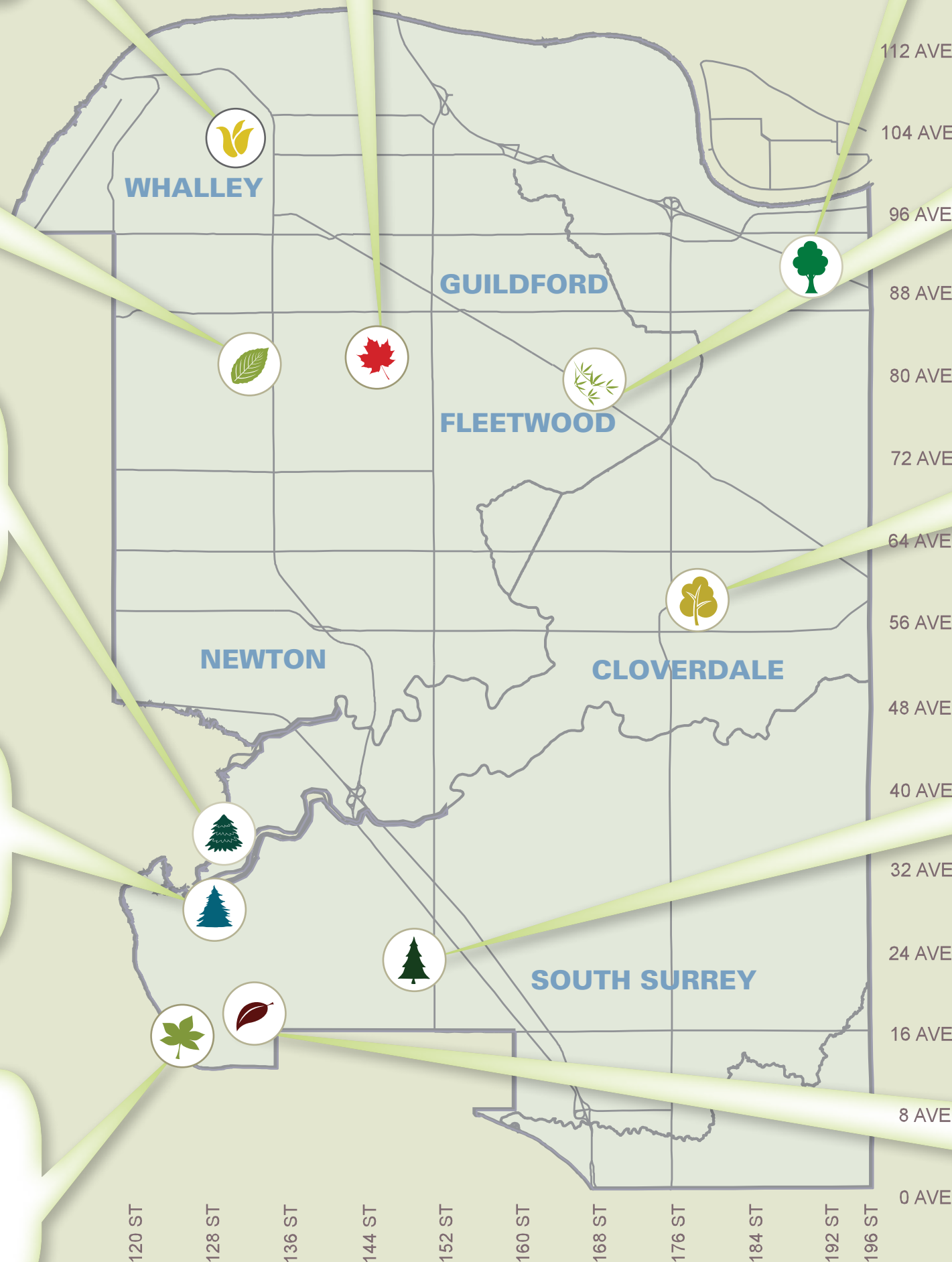
Common Horse Chestnut
12645 14B Avenue

This huge tree stands in front of the John Horner House, a registered and protected heritage site in Surrey.



Copper Beech
12691 14 Avenue

Tall, slender, and purple! This tree really stands out on the street. The colour of the foliage ranges from copper-red to purple, purple-green, and bronze-green, all sitting on top of a double trunk that looks like a pair of elephant legs.



Some of the trees in this list are on private property, and are easily visible from the street or sidewalk; please respect the home owners and avoid entering their property.

"It is difficult to realize how great a part of all that is cheerful and delightful in the recollections of our own life is associated with trees". – Wilson Flagg