



Tree & Shrub Scavenger Hunt

Along the Talmadge Butler Boardwalk Trail in DeSoto State Park

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See if you can find them all!

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Mapleleaf Viburnum '*Viburnum acerifolium*'



American Sweetgum '*Liquidambar styraciflua*'



Carolina Buckthorn '*Frangula caroliniana*'



American Holly '*Ilex opaca*'



Carolina rhododendron '*Rhododendron minus*'



American Tulip Tree '*Liriodendron tulipifera*'



Wild Azalea '*Rhododendron canescens*'



Sourwood '*Oxydendrum arboreum*'



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Mountain Laurel '*Kalmia latifolia*'



Witch Hazel '*Hamamelis virginiana*'



Sweet Shrubby '*Calycanthus floridus*'



Virginia Creeper '*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*'



Flowering Dogwood '*Cornus florida*'



Pignut Hickory '*Carya glabra*'

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Tips on Tree ID: To start identifying a tree, begin with its leaves. Are they needle-like or scaly? Are they broad and flat? Note whether the leaves have smooth or toothed edges. Are they lobed, like a hand? Do the tree's twigs hold single leaves, or little leaflets along a single stalk? Are the leaves opposite each other, or do they alternate on the twig? See if you can match up the pictures with the leaves you see along the boardwalk trail.

Some handy free apps/websites:



www.arborday.org/trees/whattree/



Virginia Tech Tree ID