

# HERITAGE TREES AND TREESCAPES OF CAMDEN, MAINE

## CAMDEN HERITAGE TREE REGISTER - N o m i n a t i o n F o r m

### THE CAMDEN HERITAGE TREE PROJECT:

This Project's purpose is to identify, document, and celebrate our community's significant and treasured trees, and encourage their preservation and protection. Conceived and developed by Camden Conservation Commission member Robin Kern and Camden's Tree City USA and Arbor Day coordinator Nancy Caudle-Johnson, with assistance from Arborist and Conservation Commission chair Douglas N. Johnson, the Project's scope is to:

- ◆ Establish the **Camden Heritage Tree Register** (develop a process for nominating trees and treescapes, design the Nomination Form, publicize the Tree Register, and solicit nominations).
- ◆ Publish the **Camden Heritage Tree Walking Tour** brochure highlighting village trees and treescapes.

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**WHAT TREES ARE ELIGIBLE:** Trees and treescapes located anywhere within Camden's town lines.

**WHO CAN NOMINATE:** Anyone of any age - Camden residents and nonresidents.

**HOW TO NOMINATE:** 1) Pick up Nomination Forms at the Town Office or Camden Public Library, or download from the town website at [camdenmaine.gov](http://camdenmaine.gov). 2) Complete one Nomination Form for each tree and treescape.

3) Drop off completed forms at the Town Office or mail to: Camden Heritage Tree Register, c/o Camden Conservation Commission, Town of Camden, P.O. Box 1207, Camden, ME 04843. 4) An Arborist will contact you to verify your nomination. 5) The Camden Conservation Commission will notify you regarding inclusion in the Register.

**DEADLINE:** There is no deadline - the nomination process is ongoing.

**REF #:** (office use only) \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATION IS FOR:** TREE \_\_\_\_\_ TREESCAPE \_\_\_\_\_ (grouping of trees, allee, park, natural area)

**TREE SPECIES:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Common name \_\_\_\_\_ Scientific name (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

**TREE MEASUREMENTS:** Measured by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Circumference (inches) \_\_\_\_\_ (girth at 4-1/2 feet above ground) Height (feet) \_\_\_\_\_ (instructions on next page)

Average crown spread (feet) \_\_\_\_\_ (measure crown at widest and narrowest spreads, add, and divide by two)

**TOTAL POINTS:** (circumference + height + 1/4 average crown spread) \_\_\_\_\_

**TREE CONDITION:** Excellent \_\_\_\_ Good \_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_ Poor \_\_\_\_ Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

**PHOTO & PERMISSION:** (optional) Photo by \_\_\_\_\_ Photo date \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a photo of the tree or treescape (no electronic submissions, please). Historical photos also welcome. Photo submission indicates you are tree's owner or have obtained owner's permission to submit photo.

**LOCATION:** Provide sufficient detail to locate tree or treescape (attach directions, map, property sketch):

Tree/treescape on: Public property \_\_\_\_ Private property \_\_\_\_ Not sure \_\_\_\_ Park \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

(911) address: \_\_\_\_\_ GPS coord. (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Owner want location confidential? \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATION CATEGORY:** Tree or treescape is significant due to (indicate all that apply):

Size \_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Species rarity \_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_ Historical significance \_\_\_\_ Placement in landscape \_\_\_\_  
Noted landscape architect \_\_\_\_ Interesting story \_\_\_\_ Other (favorite tree, memorial tree, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Describe why you are nominating tree or treescape - tell a story about the tree (attach additional paper):

\_\_\_\_\_

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**How did you learn about the Register?** Newspaper \_\_\_\_ On line \_\_\_\_ Word of mouth \_\_\_\_ Town website \_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_ **Where did you get the Form?** Downloaded \_\_\_\_ Camden Town Office \_\_\_\_

Camden Library \_\_\_\_ Other (please provide) \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATOR:** Name *(please print)* \_\_\_\_\_ Date nominated \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate all that apply: Camden resident \_\_\_\_\_ Nonresident \_\_\_\_\_ Tourist \_\_\_\_\_ Home state/country \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Student \_\_\_\_\_ Youth (under age 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Name of school \_\_\_\_\_

Landscaper/gardener \_\_\_\_\_ Arborist \_\_\_\_\_ Forester \_\_\_\_\_ Camden Conservation Commission member \_\_\_\_\_

Camden business/nonprofit \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**OWNER:** *(if different from Nominator)* Name *(please print)* \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATOR'S SIGNATURE:** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**HOW TO MEASURE A TREE'S HEIGHT:** *(verifying Arborist will recheck all measurements)*

Although the most reliable tool is a clinometer, a straight stick can also be used. Hold the stick at its base, vertically and at arm's length, making sure its length above your hand equals the distance from your hand to your eye. Walk backward away from the tree, staying approximately level with the tree's base. Stop when the part of the stick above your hand appears to be the same length as the tree and, without moving anything but your eye, you can sight over the tip of the stick to the top of the tree. Mark where you are standing. Then, measure the distance between where you are standing to the base of the tree to arrive at the tree's height.

**TO LEARN MORE:**

**Maine Register of Big Trees** Published by Project Canopy, Maine Forest Service. Lists the largest trees in Maine, by species and location. For most recent Maine Register (2009/2010):

[www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/publications/handbooks\\_guides/index.html](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/publications/handbooks_guides/index.html)

**National Register of Big Trees** Published by American Forests. Lists the largest trees in the U.S. by species and location. For most recent National Register:

[www.americanforests.org/our-programs/bigtree/](http://www.americanforests.org/our-programs/bigtree/)

**Maine's Project Canopy** [www.projectcanopy.org](http://www.projectcanopy.org)

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**NOMINATION FORM RECEIVED BY TOWN (Camden Conservation Commission):**

Received by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**VERIFICATION BY ARBORIST:** A licensed arborist will contact you about making a site visit to verify the tree's measurements, check its condition, and confirm other information on the Nomination Form.

Arborist \_\_\_\_\_ Maine license # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED BY CAMDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION for entry in Camden Heritage Tree Register:**

Date approved \_\_\_\_\_ Commission Chair *(signed)* \_\_\_\_\_

Category: Size \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Species rarity \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_ Historical significance \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATOR NOTIFICATION:** Notified by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_