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Largest Trees?

Topic: Largest Trees?

Author: Donovan

Topic Started: 8/27/2008; 10:04:38 PM

Last Posted: 8/28/2008; 7:58:40 PM

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Donovan : 8/27/2008; 9:04:38 PM

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So where is the largest tree of each kind in the District?
How to measure: Trees are measured by DBH, diameter breast high, which is taken at 5 feet from the ground. If the tree is on a slope, measure from the up hill side. Trees with "butt swell", a response to disease, do not count.

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Re: Largest Trees?

Robert Koscik : 8/28/2008; 11:51:04 AM

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That's a tough one...lots of old survivors out there...

I'll bet BeeeG bottom is a candidate but no trails in the area even historically.

Bagby area, and south of there too. And down where th Willamette NF starts.

Even up at Memaloose. It hard to say, I've never measured individual trees but it would make an interesting journal.

I'll betcha the biggest are down in river bottoms, cool and dark.
SPOOKY.

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Re: Largest Trees?

Donovan : 8/28/2008; 6:40:41 PM

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The fir I intend to measure is actually not in a bottom, but rather at 3000' near a spring. The yellow cedar I want to measure just below Whetstone.

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Re: Largest Trees?

Paul Turner : 8/28/2008; 6:58:40 PM

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According to [this thread](#) over on PortlandHikers the biggest Red Cedar in Oregon is in Clackamas County.

[Here's](#) the link to the State of Oregon Registry of Big Trees entry for it.

At 428 inches in circumference I get about 11.36 feet across. That's big.

The person who started the thread posted directions:

" From Ripplebrook Ranger Station on Hwy 224 go SE about 18 miles to Rd 4670. Cross the Clackamas River and go right on Rd 4651. Walk 1.5 miles to second road on the right, Rd 120. Travel 1.5 mi to T of road, turn left about 1/4 mile, turn right off Rd into forest and walk toward river about 1/4 mi. Tree is in a grove of large cedars."

--Paul

Paul Turner

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Rob Williams : 8/30/2008; 7:05:41 AM












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We saw some pretty large trees on the southern Bagby trail, around Silver King Lake. There are also some pretty large specimens on the Dickey Creek Trail, but I don't know if they are record breakers. I'd love to hear about any other REALLY large trees in the district. I had forgotten about the posting about the Cedar. I've put that on my to do list of places to go.....Thanks for posting it.

Rob

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