

16th Biennial Michigan Big Tree Hunt Contest

About Us

BIG TREE HUNT CONTEST

IN CELEBRATION OF TREES

Can you find the biggest tree in your county... or in the State of Michigan?

Big trees are everywhere: in parks, along sidewalks or even your backyard. So, take some time to enjoy fresh air and the majesty of the trees that surround us. By identifying and measuring big trees, you will be taking part in a statewide effort to track these vital, historical, living monuments.

Grab your measuring tape, a friend or family member and head into the trees.

Since 1988, non-profit tree organization ReLeaf Michigan has partnered with Michigan communities to plant more than 33,000 trees and help educate our neighbors about proper tree care. Learn how you can support the organization and help ensure a healthy, growing Michigan at releafmichigan.org.

ReLeaf Michigan created the Michigan Big Tree Hunt in 1993 to celebrate our state's beauty and create a fun way to gather information about Michigan's biggest trees.

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How to Get Involved

Mail in your completed form or submit online by August 22, 2025 for a chance to win contest prizes and have your tree named the largest in the Michigan Big Tree Hunt!

Got Questions?

- bigtreehunt.com
- bigtreehunt@releafmichigan.org
- (800) 642-7353

ENTER BY
AUGUST 22, 2025





Contest Rules

- Tree must be living and accessible for verification
- Tree size is determined by circumference (measurement around trunk)
- All entries must be postmarked or submitted online by the end of the contest (August 22, 2025)

Prizes

- Largest tree found by a Big Tree Hunter age 16 or older
- Largest tree found by a Big Tree Hunter age 15 or younger
- Largest White Pine (Michigan's State Tree), any age
- Largest tree found for each county in Michigan
- Tree (of any species) that is larger than the current registered Michigan State Champion

All participants are invited to the awards ceremony in fall of 2025. Details will be announced on this website, on ReLeaf Michigan's Facebook page and via our email list.

Please note: Trees already listed in the Michigan Big Tree Register before the contest begins are not eligible for prizes.

Tell Us About Your Tree

Tree Species (if known, e.g. Silver Maple): _____

Tree Measurement (inches): _____

Tree Location: _____

Address: _____

City/Town/Community: _____

County: _____

Nearest Major Cross Streets: _____

Describe how to find your tree (include GPS data if possible): _____

Pictures of your tree: To help us verify your entry, please include a photo of your entire tree, a photo from the ground to about 10 feet up, pointing to where you measured it, and an up-close photograph of a twig and/or leaf from the tree.

Please note that by sharing photos, you are allowing ReLeaf Michigan to use your photos and name in our communications going forward. (If you're a winner, we want to share your photo!)

Is this tree located on private property?

- Yes, it is on my property
- Yes, but I do not own the property
- No, it is on public property

If your tree is a winner, would you approve its location to be shared?

- Yes, make its location public
- No, please keep its location private
- The tree is on public property

Tell Us About You

Name: _____

City: _____

E-mail: _____

Are you the owner of the tree? Y N

If you are a winner, can we share your contact information with the local paper? Y N

ENTRY FORM

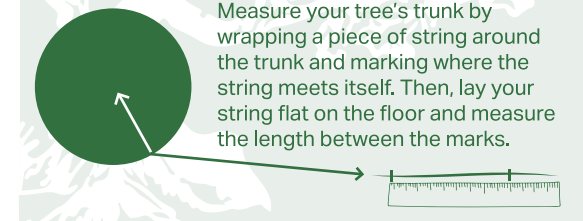
Please mail completed form to:
Michigan Big Tree Hunt c/o ReLeaf Michigan
1100 N. Main St, Suite 105, Ann Arbor, MI 48104
Enter online at BigTreeHunt.com or scan:



How to Measure Your Tree



Measure distance around the trunk at 4 1/2 ft above ground. If the trunk splits below 4 1/2 ft, measure at the narrowest point between the split and the ground.



Measure your tree's trunk by wrapping a piece of string around the trunk and marking where the string meets itself. Then, lay your string flat on the floor and measure the length between the marks.

If your tree trunk splits before the 4 1/2 ft measurement point, there are different ways to appropriately make your measurement. See the four additional options below to best determine which scenario fits your tree.

A. 4 1/2 ft.



Measure circumference 4 1/2 ft. above ground.

B. 4 1/2 ft.



If tree originates as a single trunk but splits below 4 1/2 ft, measure at the narrowest point between the split and the ground.

C. 4 1/2 ft.



In the case of a tree clump measure the circumference of the largest stem 4 1/2 ft. above ground.

D. 4 1/2 ft.



If tree is on a slope, measure twice, high side and low side, 4 1/2 ft. on both sides. Add measurements together, divide by two.

Address: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Age: 16 & over 15 & under Local Newspaper: _____

Where did you find out about this contest? _____

Yes, I want to hear from ReLeaf Michigan. We will email you with updates on our activities and volunteer planting opportunities in your area.