



Nevada City Tree Tour

Welcome to the self-guided tree tour through downtown Nevada City. All trees may be viewed from a sidewalk or parking lot as indicated. Please respect private property, and be safe and courteous. Please be careful not to disturb the residents. Enjoy your walk. Visit the Nevada City Trees online map for more details on each of the trees included in the walking tour.

Tour 1

START facing the Chamber of Commerce, 132 Main Street. Walk uphill to the left of the Chamber of Commerce, turning onto Coyote Street.

1) Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*) Just past the Chamber of Commerce is a classic maple, with palmately veined leaves boasting brilliant red color in the fall. < Cross Commercial Street and walk up Union Street, toward Broad Street.>

2) On the corner of Union and Broad Streets is Calanan Park, established in the 1970's as a city park. On the right (north) side of the park is a Coast Redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) planted in 1927 and nicknamed "Calanan Red."

3) In the middle of the park is a Dogwood (*Cornus*).

4) Near the corner of Union and Broad Streets find a tall, erect White Fir (*Abies concolor*).

5) To the rear of the park is a Giant Sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*). Giant Sequoias are the largest trees in the world and are native to the Sierra Nevada.

6) Cypress (*Cupressus*) On the Broad Street side of the park is a multi-trunked cypress, a small to medium sized tree. < Turn right up Broad Street one block and turn left onto South Pine Street. Walk one block.>

7) Alongside the windowless brick telephone building at the corner of South Pine and Spring Streets, in a narrow planting bed, are three Italian Cypresses (*Cupressus sempervirens* 'Stricta'), native to Southern Europe. < Continue down South Pine Street.>

8) Just downhill of the three Italian cypresses, at the back corner of the telephone exchange building along South Pine Street, is a Deodar Cedar (*Cedrus deodora*).

9) At 220 South Pine Street grows a Southern Magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*). < Walk about 15 yards out onto the Pine Street bridge and look to your right>

10) Here is an Incense Cedar (*Calocedrus decurrens*), beautiful in its native surroundings. < Retrace your steps and turn left on Spring Street. Continue along Spring Street to the driveway of the Miners Foundry, on your left.>

11) Alongside the historic garage on the left is a mature stand of Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*). < Continue west on Spring Street>

12) At 425 Spring Street is a large American Chestnut (*Castanea dentata*). < Continue west on Spring Street to the intersection of Spring and Mill Streets.>

13) In front of the second house down Mill Street stands a Common Catalpa (*Catalpa bignonioides*). < Walk back down Spring Street to the KVMR radio station. Turn left at KVMR and walk up to Broad Street. Cross and go uphill on Broad Street >

14) In front of 414 Broad Street find the ever-opportunistic Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) growing out of a crack between the sidewalk and the building. < Walk back down Broad Street about 30 feet and turn left into the parking lot next to The New York Shops. Walk through the parking lot to Commercial Street and turn left, uphill on Commercial Street, to the second driveway.>

15) Across the street, between 416 and 420 Commercial Street, is a Colorado Spruce (*Picea pungens*), a tall forest tree with stiff, pointed needles. < Cross Commercial Street and go downhill about 40 yards to the small Chinese Monument -- a beautiful little garden with an ever-flowing fountain located on the east side of the entrance to the municipal parking lot.>

16) Toward the back right of the monument are three young Ginkgo trees (*Ginkgo biloba*), which will reach 50 to 80 feet.

17) Also within the Chinese Monument garden is a Japanese Black Pine (*Pinus thunbergii*). < Walk about 75 yards downhill on Commercial Street and go into the private parking lot opposite the small theater at 305 Commercial Street. From the rear of this parking lot, look up at the large trees on the slope behind the parking lot.>

18) The two tall trees on the hillside closest to the parking lot are Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*). < Look downhill from the parking lot entrance, in the restaurant courtyard, for the tallest tree.>

19) Native to the eastern United States, the Black Locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*) has naturalized in California. < From the parking lot go downhill on Commercial Street. Just past the restaurant entrance turn left and walk up North Pine Street about 30 feet to the back corner of the restaurant.>

20) Goldenrain Tree, (*Koeleruteria paniculata*), named for the clusters of yellow flowers in late summer. < Here ends TOUR 1.>

Tour 2

Tour 2 START at the cafe located at 426 Broad Street.

21) In the courtyard of this cafe is a London Plane (*Platanus x hispanica*). < Turn up Broad Street, cross Commercial and continue up toward Cottage Street. This part of Nevada City where Broad Street divides shows the quintessence of Nevada City, with beautiful California Victorian architecture on all sides and mature gardens with trees 80 to 120 years old.>

22) In the front yard of 450 Broad Street, just left of the front walkway, grows a massive American Linden (*Tilia americana*).

23) In the same yard, near the front corner by Cottage Street, is a Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*).

24) On the opposite corner across Cottage Street discover American Sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*). < *Turn to the right down Cottage toward North Pine.*>

25) At the corner of North Pine and Cottage Street is a mature Norway Maple (*Acer platanoides*), a European native. < *Walk up North Pine a few feet.*>

26) In the same yard is a Douglas Fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*) < *Continue along Cottage toward Main Street.*>

27) From alongside the school building look across Cottage Street at the small parking area for residents by the large apartment building. A tall, multi-trunked, Big Leaf Maple (*Acer macrophyllum*) stands at the rear left of that parking area along with a companion maple to the right.

28) The lone tall evergreen beside the school is a Juniper (*Juniperus*). Junipers are evergreen conifers. < *Continue on Cottage Street back toward North Pine Street.*>

29) At the first corner on the right, at the intersection of Cottage and School Streets, is a Raywood Ash (*Fraxinus angustifolia* 'Raywood'). < *Continue along Cottage Street to North Pine Street and go uphill to 549 North Pine* >

30) Directly across the street from 549 North Pine Street is a Monterey Pine (*Pinus radiata*).

31) At 551 North Pine is Mexican Washington Palm (*Washingtonia robusta*) < *Continue on North Pine Street to East Broad Street and stand at the NE corner of the intersection.*>

32) The large tree at 630 East Broad is a Tulip Tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*). < *Turn left and follow East Broad Street.*>

33) At 541 East Broad Street we find a Crape Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*). < *Continue to 520 East Broad Street.*>

34) On a street with many beautiful Dogwoods (*Cornus*) these three stand out. < *Proceeding carefully, cross from East Broad Street to West Broad Street near the narrow tip of the picket-fenced garden that separates those two streets.*>

35) Standing at the tip of this garden is a Silk Tree, commonly known as Mimosa, (*Albizia julibrissin*). < *Proceed uphill on West Broad Street for about 250 yards. At the intersection of West Broad Street and Spring Street, cross West Broad and go right on the dirt path you will see near the stop sign. This is the way into the historic Pioneer Cemetery where there is a grove of tall pines and oaks on a knoll above town. As you enter the old cemetery there is a plaque set in a large stone monument commemorating establishment of the cemetery in 1851.*>

The park-like setting of the cemetery is shaded with many Ponderosa Pines, (*Pinus ponderosa*) and Black Oaks (*Quercus kelloggii*), both California natives. It is lovely to see a half-wild setting so close to a city.

36) Ponderosa Pine is a three-needle pine, widely distributed throughout the foothills and mountains of the West and Canada.

37) The beautiful Black Oak (*Quercus kelloggii*). Black Oaks rarely exceed 100 feet tall in maturity.

38) About 30 feet past the stone monument commemorating the Pioneer Cemetery, along the fence on your left, is an Italian Cypress (*Cupressus sempervirens*). < *Leave the cemetery and cross the street.*>

39) Across from the cemetery at 627 West Broad, the tree with the white trunk is European White Birch (*Betula pendula*). < *Descend the hill toward town.*>

40) In front of 523 West Broad is a Cutleaf Birch (*Betula pendula* 'Dalecarlica'). < *Continue to 517 West Broad Street and stand at the corner of West Broad and Bennett Streets.*>

41) The pair of magnificent Blue Atlas Cedar trees (*Cedrus atlantica*) arching above the entrance to Bennet Street ideally suit the setting here. < *Cross Bennett Street to the historic Sargent House, 449 Broad Street.*>

The large yard of the Sargent House has many beautiful trees. Among them is a large Coast Redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) left of the Aaron Sargent plaque, and a multi-trunked Port Orford cedar (*Chamaecyparis lawsoniana*) about 20 feet behind and right of the redwood. The ranges of Coast redwood and Port Orford cedar overlap in northwestern California.

42) Hanging over the sidewalk to the right of the Aaron Sargent plaque are branches of an unusual tree, the Umbrella Pine (*Sciadopilyx verticillata*). Native to Japan, it is not a true pine though it has cones. Its dark green needle-like leaves are arranged in distinctive whorls that resemble an umbrella. Evergreen

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We hope you enjoyed the walk and learned a little about Nevada City's treasured trees!

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