

Barking Up the Right Tree



Get to know Metroparks habitats better while you see if you can identify these native trees by looking at their distinctive barks. Number the photos to match the correct numbers in this list of 9 common trees. Since different trees prefer different soils and habitats, here are some trails throughout Metroparks eco-regions that we suggest you visit:

Numbers 1-3 prefer upland sandy Oak Openings Region woodlands. Examples: Oak Openings Preserve Dunes Trail (red); Westwinds Metropark, Wildwood Ridge Loop Trail.

Numbers 3-6 prefer river habitats. Examples: Swan Creek Preserve Floodplain Trail (green); Towpath Trail of River Metroparks (Farnsworth, Bendview and Providence).

Numbers 7-9 prefer wet or swamp woods. Examples: Pearson Metropark Black Swamp Trail (orange); Secor Metropark Wildflower Trail (yellow).

1. Sassafras



2. Black Cherry



3. White Oak



4. Eastern Cottonwood



5. American Sycamore



6. Ohio Buckeye



7. Shagbark Hickory



8. American Hornbeam



9. American Beech

