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A guide to notable trees and gardens on the StoneRidge campus

The Tree Trail

Follow the Tree Trail - explore and enjoy our notable trees and diversely designed gardens.

American Arborvitae

Thuja occidentalis

Evergreen. Compact and dense. Commonly cultivated as an ornamental hedge plant.

American Sycamore

Platanus occidentalis

Deciduous. Statuesque with mottled bark, large maple-like leaves, single fruit ball-like seed heads.

Bradford Pear

Pyrus calleryana

Deciduous. Small to medium. Conical shape. Small white flower clusters in spring. Dark green foliage in summer.

Colorado White Fir

Abies concolor

Evergreen. Medium to large. Long, blue-green needles. Drooping branches. Green or purple cones stand upright.

Eastern Redbud

Cercis canadensis

Deciduous. Small with short trunk. Bright pink flowers welcome spring before heart shaped leaves appear.

Eastern Redcedar

Juniperus virginiana

Evergreen. Small to medium. Usually single-stemmed and columnar but can be round and bushy.

Eastern Serviceberry/Shadblow

Amelancier canadensis

Deciduous. Shrub like, rarely tree size. Upright early white spring flowers, round green leaves.

Eastern White Pine

Pinus strobus

Evergreen. Tall with graceful horizontal branches, slender needles grouped in fives. Smooth, prickly-free cones.

English Hawthorn

Crataegus laevigata

Deciduous. Shrub or small tree. Commonly cultivated. White or pink blossoms, abundant fruit.

Flowering Dogwood

Cornus florida

Deciduous. Copious white blossoms greet early spring. Common in open woods. Widely cultivated.

Green Giant Arborvitae

Thuja plicata

Evergreen. Fast growing with reddish fibrous bark. Often used for screening.

Japanese-cedar

Cryptomeria japonica

Evergreen. Medium size with narrow crown and drooping branches. Spiky reddish brown seed cones.

Japanese Threadleaf Maple

Acer palmatum dissectum

Deciduous. Small and picturesque with contorted trunk and branches. Brilliant red fall color.

Japanese Zelkova

Zelkova serrata

Deciduous. Medium in size, pale gray bark, small slender leaves with serrated edges. Also known as Oriental Elm.

Katsura

Cercidiphyllum japonicum

Deciduous. Pyramidal and spreading. Tuft-like flowers appear before leaves.

Korean Dogwood

Cornus kousa

Deciduous. Small and rounded shape. Profuse white blossoms in early summer, upright round red fruit in fall.

Korean Stewartia

Stewartia pseudocamellia

Deciduous. Small to medium size. Camellia-like flowers in summer are short lived but profuse.

Limber Pine

Pinus flexilis

Evergreen. Named for long curved flexible branches, ending in dark green needles grouped in fives.

London Planetree

Platanus 'X acerifolia'

Deciduous. Similar to American Sycamore with smaller leaves, one or two fruit balls on each stalk.

Moraine Honeylocust

Gleditsia triacanthos 'Moraine'

Deciduous. Shade tree. Deep green leaves turn golden brown in fall. Thornless and fruitless.

Northern Red Oak

Quercus rubra

Deciduous. Similar to Pin Oak with more regularly shaped leaves, larger shallow-cupped acorns, ridged bark.

Norway Spruce

Picea abies

Evergreen. Largest type spruce in local area. Drooping twigs, cones hang like ornaments amid green foliage.

Okame Cherry

Prunus 'Okame'

Deciduous. Profuse pink blossoms in late winter or early spring. One of several Japanese flowering cherries.

Pin Oak

Quercus palustris

Deciduous. Medium to large. Small deeply indented leaves. Smooth bark, small buds, shallow-cupped acorns.

Red Maple

Acer rubrum

Deciduous. Medium. Named 'rubrum' for its red toned twigs, flowers, fall leaves. Widespread in eastern U.S.

River Birch

Betula nigra

Deciduous. Medium to large. Silvery underleaf unique among birches. Multi-trunked, peeling orange bark.

Sassafras

Sassafras albidum

Deciduous. Small to medium. Root suckers form thickets. Lobed leaves divided into three, two, and single sections often on same tree.

Sourwood

Oxydendrum arboreum

Deciduous. Small and slender. Fragrant white flower in early summer. Oval orange and red leaves in fall.

Star Magnolia

Magnolia stellata

Deciduous. Shrub or small tree. Bears large white flowers in early spring.

Sugar Maple

Acer saccharum

Deciduous. Large. Five-pointed leaves, winged seeds, brilliant fall color. Valuable for wood and sugar sap.

Tuliptree

Liriodendron tulipifera

Deciduous. Large, straight trunk. Tulip-shaped blossoms. Grows wild in Connecticut.

White Ash

Fraxinus americana

Deciduous. Tall straight tree with four-inch long compound leaves, usually seven on a stalk. Single winged seeds.

White Spruce

Picea glauca

Evergreen. Tall, narrow and conical or spire-like. Grayish blue-green needles acquire a waxy bloom with age.

GARDENS

A. The Phoenix Garden —

Tulips, Coreopsis, Irises and White Oakleaf Hydrangeas enhance against a background of blue flowering Ajuga, dwarf Conifers and gently falling water.

B. The Grille Terrace Garden —

Snowdrops greet spring, Red Winterberries counter the cold. Daffodils, Azaleas, Butterfly Bushes and Heather delight.

C. The Crescent Garden —

Uncommon and uncommonly lovely flowering bushes and perennial plantings attract pollinators. Close by, the Anniversary Tree—an 'Aashild Kallberg Magnolia planted on StoneRidge's 15th birthday in 2019—celebrates with lush white blossoms.

D. The Lighthouse Garden —

Daffodils, Daylilies, Daisies, dwarf Crabapple trees, Coneflower, Catmint and Sunflowers lift spirits. Milkweed plays its part in this designated Pollinator Garden.

E. The Japanese Garden —

Cherry Trees bloom in brilliant profusion. Dwarf Hollies and Juniper line paths surrounding the reflecting pool. Stone benches invite contemplation.

F. The Community Garden —

Individual plots tilled and tended by residents offer glimpses of Country-Fair-worthy vegetables and blossoms behind the white picket fence.



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