



Campbell Creek Science Center

My Book of Trees

Have you ever taken the time to look closely at the trees in your neighborhood? How are they different from each other? Use this activity to get to know and document the trees around you!

Directions

1. Find a tree nearby that you can study. This can be in your backyard, your neighborhood, or a local park.
2. Fill out a separate tree journal page for each different tree you find. Use the example below to help guide your notes. Repeat for as many trees as you would like.
3. Assemble your completed pages into a Book of Trees found in your area.

Materials

- Pencil
- Crayon
- Blank Tree Book Page
- Tape Measure or Ruler (optional)
- Tree ID Book or App (optional)

Questions

- What kinds of trees can you find in your neighborhood or local parks?
- How are the trees similar or different from each other?

Tree: Paper Birch **Page #** 1

Date: August 24, 2021	Location: Chester Creek Trail
Observations: Bark: Smooth, white, and papery with red underneath. It is peeling off the tree. Size/Shape: Around 40 ft tall and 10 in wide. Skinny and tall. Branches are thin and high above the ground. Leaf: Wide spade shape with a pointed tip. Edges of leaf are jagged and tooth-like, rough. Seed/cone: Seeds are bunched together in a long and skinny cluster, dangling just below the leaves.	
Bark Rubbing: 	Drawing of the Tree:

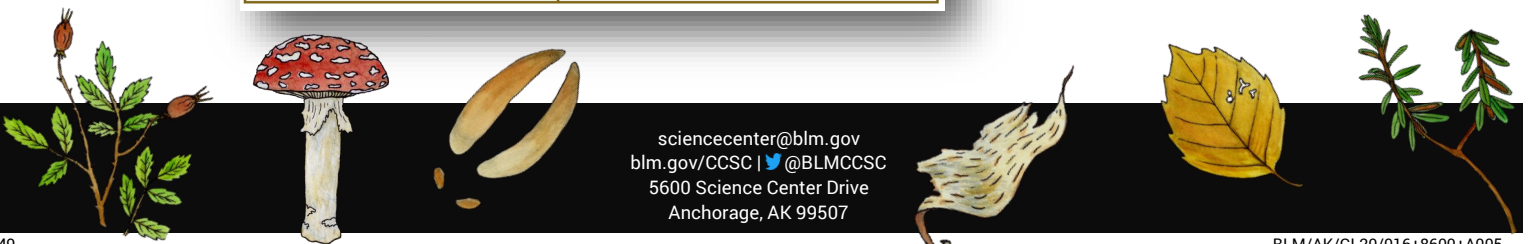
Use a Tree ID book or an app help identify your tree.

Put your paper on the bark and use the side of the crayon to create your bark rubbing!

For your observations, think about:

- Tree shape
- Leaf or needles
- Size (height and width)
- Seeds and cones
- Bark

What do these parts of the tree look, feel, and smell like?





Tree: _____

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