

# MAINE REGISTER OF BIG TREE SUBMISSION FORM

Note: you must submit photos and GPS coordinates of your big tree nominee!

Town and County this tree is located in: \_\_\_\_\_

## **NOMINATOR INFO**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to contact you \_\_\_\_\_ Species of tree \_\_\_\_\_

Directions to tree \_\_\_\_\_

GPS coordinates \_\_\_\_\_

Is this tree on your property? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If not, we need contact info for the property owner:

## **OWNER INFO**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

If your tree wins, do you give permission to publicize your name & tree information? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

*Publicized tree information does not allow the public access to trees on private property without prior landowner permission.*

## **~~~~FOR OFFICE USE ONLY~~~~**

Professional Measurement Data:

Species \_\_\_\_\_

Lat and Long \_\_\_\_\_

Height in Feet \_\_\_\_\_ Circumference in Inches \_\_\_\_\_

Crown spread in Feet (2 perpendicular measurements/2) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL POINTS** \_\_\_\_\_

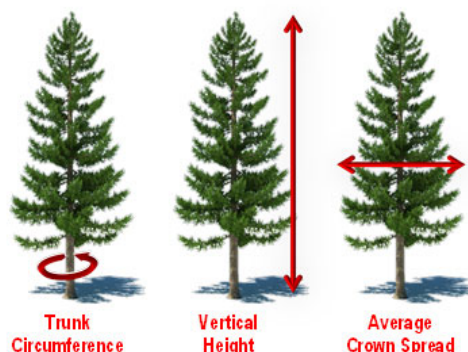
(circumference in inches + height in feet + ¼ crown spread in feet= Total Points)

Comments regarding health, location, etc \_\_\_\_\_

Forester's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND SUBMISSION FORMS TO PROJECT CANOPY, MAINE FOREST SERVICE, SHS #22, AUGUSTA, ME, 04330**

## How to Measure a Tree



### How are the Total Points calculated?

Trunk Circumference (inches) + Height (feet) +  $\frac{1}{4}$  Crown Spread (feet) = Total Points

### How To Nominate a Potential Champ - Do you know of a really BIG TREE?

You can nominate a tree to be listed on Maine's Register of Big Trees.

Write a nomination letter with the following information:

1. Include the correct name of the species or variety. If you need help with identification, call your local Forest Service or Extension office.
2. Circumference of the tree in inches at 4½ feet above the ground. If there is a growth or branch at this point, measure the narrowest point below 4½ feet.
3. Vertical height of the tree to the nearest foot. The most reliable tools for this purpose are on Abney hand level, a hypsometer, or transit. Lacking such a tool, you can use a straight stick. Hold the stick at its base vertically at arm's length, making sure its length above your hand equals the distance from your hand to your eye. Walk backward away from the tree, staying approximately level with the tree's base. Stop when the stick above your hand appears to be the same length as the tree. You should be sighting over your hand to the base of the tree and, without moving anything but your eye, sighting over the tip of the stick to the top of the tree. Measure how far you have backed away from the tree, and that measurement, in feet, is the tree's height.
4. Average diameter of the crown to the nearest foot. Measure the widest spread of the crown and the narrowest, then add them together and divide by two.
5. Location
6. Date measured, and by whom.
7. Name and address of owner.
8. Clear photograph with date taken
9. Description of the tree's physical condition and state of preservation
10. Name and address of nominator.

Mail your letter to:

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