What is a Notable Tree?
A notable tree is one that is remarkable or distinguishable in some way, or related to a famous or historical person, place, or event. A tree may also be notable if the surrounding community accepts it as being special based upon its species, uniqueness, or contribution to the community. Many of the trees in this guide are notable because they are the largest of their species in Colorado and are called Champion Trees. The Colorado Tree Coalition updates their champion tree list every year so check out the website www.coloradotrees.org for the latest champions, or to nominate a champion or notable tree.

The Tour Begins....
The Tree Tour begins at the famous Chautauqua Park. July 4th, 1898 was the opening day for Boulder's Chautauqua. Before radio and television the Chautauqua movement united people for cultural and educational events. Originally there were over 12,000 Chautauqua sites and now this is one of the remaining three in the United States (www.chautauqua.com). Chautauqua Park is on the National Registry of Historic Places and is known for its variety of tree species, especially oaks. Here are a few favorites:

1. White Oak, Quercus alba
   Location: In between the circle road and Baseline
   Notable: Fourth largest in CO

2. Pin Oak, Quercus palustris
   Location: South of the circle road near Baseline
   Notable: CO State Champion

3. Chestnut Oak, Quercus prinus
   Location: East of pin oak
   Notable: The champion and third largest are located here next to each other

4. Kentucky Coffee-Tree, Gymnocladus dioicus
   Location: Northwest of dining hall
   Notable: A unique and large specimen

Street Trees are Special Too
Boulder has some notable trees lining the streets and decorating the parking lots, contributing to its unique beauty.

5. Turkish Filbert, Corylus columna
   Location: 900 Block of Grant
   Notable: There are many filberts in this area planted in the 700, 800, 900 and 1000 blocks, the largest is at 982 Grant

6. Black Locust, Robinia pseudoacacia
   Location: 505 University (on 5th street)
   Notable: CO State Champion

Historic Elementary
Mapleton Elementary is in the heart of a registered historic district. Be on the look out for many outstanding trees, including the rows of silver maples along Mapleton planted between 1890 and 1895.

7. Red Maple, Acer rubrum
   Location: 840 Mapleton Ave, on the east side of Mapleton Elementary
   Notable: A gorgeous tree with amazing fall color

Final Stop!
The final stop is Green Mountain Cemetery, home to five Colorado Champions! This cemetery was established in 1904 and most of the trees were planted in the next ten years after that.

20. Swamp White Oak, Quercus bicolor
    Notable: CO State Champion

21. Red Maple, Acer rubrum
    Notable: CO State Champion

22. Chestnut Oak, Quercus prinus
    Notable: Second Largest in CO

23. American Beech, Fagus grandifolia
    Notable: CO State Champion

24. Northern Red Oak, Quercus rubra
    Notable: Tied for largest in CO

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8. Willow Oak, Quercus phellos
   Notable: CO State Champion

9. Shumard Oak, Quercus shumardii
   Notable: Tied for second largest in CO

10. White Oak, Quercus alba
    Notable: Third largest in CO

Where Special Trees Grow

Our next tree is at Andrews Arboretum, established in 1948 by Maud Reed, a former botany teacher at Boulder High School. At her request it was named after Darwin M. Andrews, an internationally recognized horticulturist from Boulder. The arboretum was acquired by the City of Boulder Parks and Rec. department in 1989.

11. Yellowwood, Cladrastis lutea
    Location: SE corner of Broadway and Marine
    Notable: Tied for largest in CO

A Few Treasures

Another stop of the tour is at Naropa Campus. This university contains a few of Boulder's treasures.

12. Sycamore, Platanus occidentalis
    Location: Intersection of Arapahoe and 22nd
    Notable: Three of the largest sycamores in CO, including the champ!

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13. Cucumbertree Magnolia, Magnolia acuminata
    Location: 2350 Arapahoe
    Notable: Very unique species, CO State Champion

Back to School

Colorado University's campus has many special trees surrounded by historic buildings, some dating back to the University's beginning in 1876.

14. American Elm, Ulmus americana
    Location: West of Mackey Auditorium
    Notable: Survived while most campus American elms died of Dutch Elm Disease in the 1970's.

15. Yellow Buckeye, Aesculus octandra
    Location: West of Mackey Auditorium
    Notable: Tied for second largest in CO

16. Northern Red Oak, Quercus rubra
    Location: South of Hale Science Bldg.
    Notable: A fine specimen over 100 years old

17. Cottonwood, Populus sargentii
    Location: South Side of Old Main
    Notable: Planted in 1876, this is the largest tree on campus

18. Eastern Redbud, Cercis canadensis
    Location: Next to University Theater
    Notable: Tied for second largest in CO

19. Weeping Swamp White Oak, Quercus bicolor
    Location: North of University Theater
    Notable: Has a unique sagging appearance.