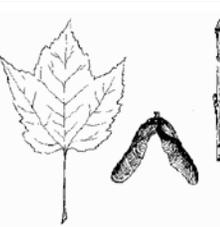
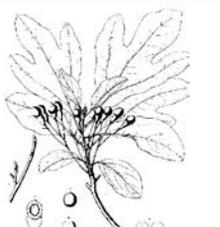
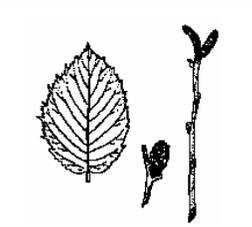
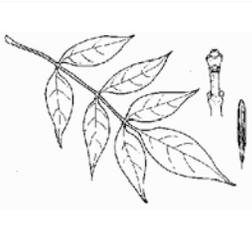


<p><b>1 Sugar Maple - after kiosk (R)</b> <i>Acer succharum</i> <b>Leaf:</b> Simple, usually 5 lobes. <b>Fruit:</b> Winged pair seeds which helicopter down. <b>Bark:</b> Dark grey, rough vertical grooves and ridges.</p>		<p><b>2 Black Cherry - near #1 (L)</b> <i>Prunus serotina</i> <b>Leaf:</b> Long, narrow and blunt toothed. <b>Fruit:</b> Round, in long clusters <b>Bark:</b> Rough dark outer bark peels to show reddish underbark.</p>		<p><b>3 Tree of Heaven - (R)</b> <i>Ailanthus altissima</i> Swingle <b>Leaf:</b> Alternate pinnate, compound <b>Flowers</b> 5 petals, yellow-green <b>Fruit</b> One-seeded, twisted in clusters that remain thru winter</p>	
<p><b>4 Red Maple - after turn (L)</b> <i>Acer rubrum</i> <b>Leaf:</b> 3 to 5 lobes, turning red in the fall with red stem. <b>Fruit:</b> Two winged and hanging. <b>Bark:</b> Light grey on young trees, fish scaled pattern often present.</p>		<p><b>5 Sassafras - (L)</b> <i>Sassafras albidum</i> <b>Leaf:</b> 3 different shaped leaves on same tree. <b>Fruit:</b> Blue, fleshy, single seed. <b>Bark:</b> Red-brown and furrowed, twigs are fragrant.</p>		<p><b>6 Sycamore - on dam (R)</b> <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> <b>Leaf:</b> Large, broad, palmate, flat <b>Fruit:</b> Long stalked balls <math>\leq 1.5''</math> diameter <b>Bark:</b> Brown older bark peels away from cream-colored younger bark.</p>	
<p><b>7 Shagbark Hickory - off trail ~12' (R)</b> <i>Carya ovata</i> <b>Leaf:</b> Compound, 5 to 7 leaflets. <b>Fruit:</b> Edible nut, egg-shaped and 4 angled. <b>Bark:</b> Very shaggy and peeling.</p>		<p><b>8 American Beech - (L)</b> <i>Fagus grandifolia</i> <b>Leaf:</b> Coarse toothed and elliptical. <b>Fruit:</b> Small triangular nuts. <b>Bark:</b> Very smooth and light grey.</p>		<p><b>9 Yellow Birch - before creek crossing (L)</b> <i>Betula lutea</i> <b>Leaf:</b> Simple, double toothed. <b>Fruit:</b> Stout female cones &amp; slender male catkins. <b>Bark:</b> Shiny yellow with narrow peeling horizontal strips.</p>	
<p><b>10 Black (Sweet) Birch - (R)</b> <i>Betula lenta</i> <b>Leaf:</b> Oval, slightly serrated, tapering. Short spurs on twigs. <b>Fruit:</b> Cone 1" long &amp; winged nutlets <b>Bark:</b> Smooth, dark, with horizontal lines.</p>		<p><b>11 Eastern Hemlock - grove (R)</b> → Succumbing to Woolly Adelgid <i>Tsuga canadensis</i> <b>Leaf:</b> One half inch needles with white stripe below. <b>Fruit:</b> Cones less than one inch. <b>Bark:</b> Dark and rough.</p>		<p><b>12 Tulip Poplar - at turn (L)</b> → Note scar from Lightening <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> <b>Leaf:</b> 4-pointed leaf resembling a tulip flower. <b>Fruit:</b> Upright clusters single winged. <b>Bark:</b> Light grey, white grooves.</p>	
<p><b>13 Black Oak - (R)</b> <i>Quercus velutina</i> <b>Leaf:</b> Alternate, hairy with 5 to 7 lobes. <b>Fruit:</b> Acorn, cap is cup-shaped covering half the acorn. <b>Bark:</b> Dark, rough, blocky.</p>		<p><b>14 Mockernut Hickory - (L)</b> <i>Carya tomentosa (alba)</i> <b>Leaf</b> Pinnate, compound with 7-9 leaflets, very hairy underneath <b>Flowers</b> Tiny hanging clusters of three catkins <b>Fruit</b> Large round, green-brown, husk splits in 4 when ripe <b>Bark</b> Grey and furrowed</p>		<p><b>15 Red Oak - (L)</b> <i>Quercus rubra</i> <b>Leaf:</b> Alternate hairless, simple, lobed. <b>Fruit:</b> Acorn, cap is flat and saucer-like. <b>Bark:</b> Dark with lighter broad shiny vertical strips.</p>	
<p><b>16 White Oak - before clearing (R)</b> <i>Quercus alba</i> <b>Leaf:</b> Simple leaf with round lobes. <b>Fruit:</b> Oval acorn with a cup-like cap. <b>Bark:</b> Very light colored</p>		<p><b>17 American Hornbeam - (L)</b> → after bridge - against 2<sup>nd</sup> tree <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> <b>Leaf:</b> Egg-shaped double toothed with thin twigs. <b>Fruit:</b> Tiny nuts and catkins. <b>Bark:</b> Smooth, grey muscular looking (aka 'musclewood')</p>		<p><b>18 White Ash - in bushes (L)</b> → Succumbing to Emerald Ash Borer <i>Fraxinus americana</i> <b>Leaf:</b> Opposite compound with 5 to 9 leaflets. <b>Fruit:</b> Single winged, elongated. <b>Bark:</b> Deeply furrowed.</p>	

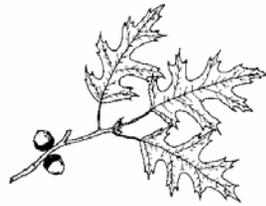
**19 Pin Oak – (L) in bushes**

*Quercus palusteris*

**Leaf:** Simple deeply lobed.

**Fruit:** Small acorn, cap is shallow and hairless.

**Bark:** Smooth bark on young trees, many smaller branches persist.



**20 Eastern Red Cedar – (L) in bushes**

*Juniperus virginiana*

**Leaves** Evergreen, scale-like in four rows forming four-angled twigs

**Fruit** Dark blue 1/4” diameter, soft, juicy resinous and berrylike

**Bark** Reddish-brown, thin, fibrous and shreddy



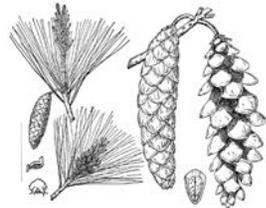
**21 White Pine – (L) at picnic area**

*Pinus strobus*

**Leaf:** 2 to 4 inch soft needles 5 per bundle.

**Fruit:** Slender cones usually 4 to 6 inches long.

**Bark:** Smooth on new growth, not scaly.



**22 Norway Spruce – (L) in woods**

*Picea abies*

**Leaf:** Shiny green, stiff, sharp 4-angled needles 1/2 – 1” long

**Flowers** Female: upright and purple

Male: yellow-brown in lg. groups

**Fruit** Cones 4-6” cylindrical, stiff scales

**Bark** Red-brown scales turning to grey with flakey plates

**23 Bitternut Hickory – (R) near pond**

*Carya cordiformis*

**Leaf:** Sulfur yellow buds produce compound leaf with 5 or more leaflets.

**Fruit:** Dusty yellow thin husks.

**Bark:** Hard, thin silvery-grey color.



**24 Eastern Cottonwood – (R) in woods**

*Populus deltoides*

**Leaf:** Coarse-toothed on flattened stalks. Long stem causes leaf to flutter.

**Fruit:** Dense heads of white cottony seeds in fall.

**Bark:** Smooth, yellow-green on new growth.



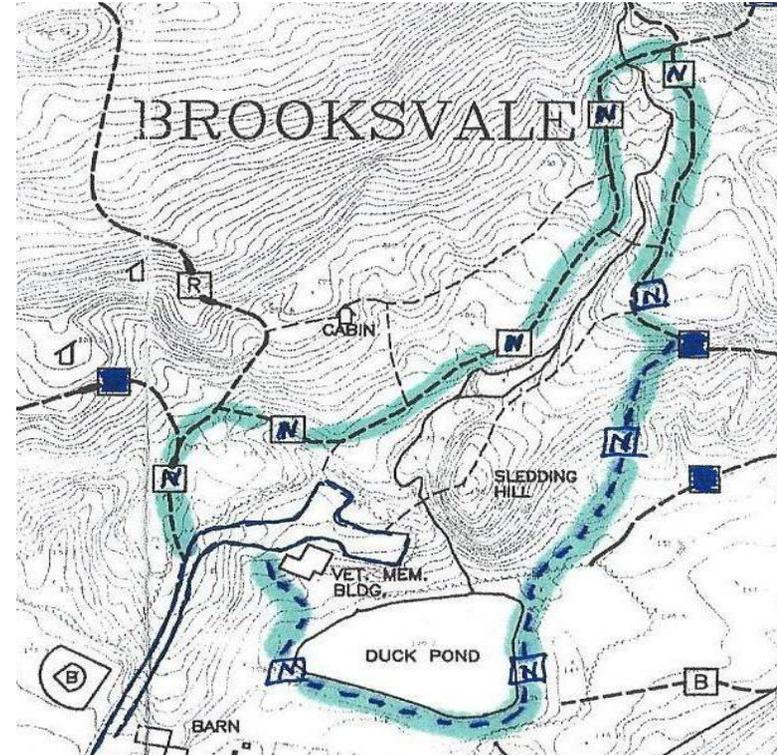
**QUIZ TREES in group behind Vet. Bldg.**

**Answers:** A = 2 B = 20 C = 4

# A Guide to the Trees of Brooksvale Park



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## NATURE TRAIL (N) MAP

**Trail** marked with White blazes // (L) = tree on left side; (R) = tree on right  
**Trees** identified with plaques // White rock or stake beside trail at each tree

**Start:** At the kiosk above the Veteran’s Building parking lot

**End:** Behind the Veteran’s Building before the Rain Garden sign

**Hike Difficulty:** EASY, ~0.75 mi. (but may be uneven and/or wet in places)

**Quiz:** After Tree #24 go left toward the Parking Lot to find Trees A, B & C.

Can you identify them? See Answers at the end of the brochure.

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