

# Marquette County Favorite Trees

Do you have a favorite tree in Marquette County? Many people do like those in the photos on this page. Trees are beautiful and keep our air clean and fresh. They provide shade and a rainbow of colors in fall. Look around you and find your favorite tree. Maybe it is one that sings to you when it is windy or that you climb to look down on the world.



Magnificent oak....It's hard to capture the grandeur of the huge old oak that grows in the yard of Art Swan near Endeavor. Swan's lived in the home since 1965 and has marveled at the thick limbs, soaring shape, and resiliency of the tree. "About 25 years ago it lost a middle limb," Swan said. "I've had it trimmed 3 mes. We've hung deer on it and it held a tree house for my grand kids."

When the Westfield Mevis' were looking for a house, Elaine called Don up and told him, 'I found us a house. I want the tree.'

The tree is an enormous willow with a gnarled trunk right out of an enchanted forest. Ten years ago they measured the girth and it was 26 feet around. The tree sits on the bank of a small stream that winds through quiet green fields and into Westfield proper. The Mevis' have no favorite season to watch their willow. In their home, a set of photos showing the tree in each of the 4 seasons graces their living room wall. Bare branches or budding leaves, drooping green boughs sweeping the ground or mustard yellow of fall, the family watches the tree as it hosts raccoon families and shelters birds.



Now you go out and find a favorite tree and write about it.

What kind of tree is it?

Where is it located?

Give three reasons why you love this tree:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What color does the tree turn in autumn?

Is the trunk bark smooth or rough?

More about my tree:

Here is a list of plants that John Muir remembered seeing in Marquette County when he grew up here. Do you know the names of the plants around where you live?

White pond lilies *nymphaea odorata*  
Orchids (yes, orchids grow in Marquette County)

Marsh Marigolds

Early yellow buttercups

Deep purple violets

Shag bark hickory

Tamaracks

Burr Oak

White Oak

Ferns: *osmundas*, *claytoniana*, *regalis*, *cinnamomea*; sensitive and ostrich

Grasses and sedges

Pasque flower or wind flower *anemone patens* *nuttalliana*

Lady slippers (orchids)

Turk's cap lily

Butterfly weed

Asters

Golden rod

Sunflower

Daisy

Liatris

Wild strawberries

Dewberries

Cranberries, huckleberries

Wild apples

Hazelnuts

Pitcher plant

Wild rice