

## Professor Evan T. Williams Memorial Tree Walk

In 1990, two Lewis & Clark students conducted a comprehensive census of campus trees and wrote *A Natural History Guide to the Lewis & Clark College Campus*. The guide included a tree walk that featured 48 species. In 2002, Evan T. Williams, professor of chemistry and founder and chair of the environmental studies major, inspired students to restore the tree walk and enhance its educational and aesthetic value.

With the death of Professor Williams in spring 2004, the Class of 2004, led by Clara Elias, dedicated their senior gift to the tree walk. Building on the work of students before them, the Class of 2005 developed the educational materials to accompany the restoration of the tree walk.

The Professor Evan T. Williams Memorial Tree Walk consists of 20 species of trees, including native trees that Meriwether Lewis and William Clark encountered on their journey west. A Glenna Goodacre sculpture, *Sacagawea and Jean Baptiste*, is located along the walk, as is *York: Terra Incognita*, a statue by Alison Saar.

This tree walk, dedicated on May 7, 2005, is named in honor of Professor Williams: teacher, mentor, colleague, and friend.

## Further Information

A more comprehensive companion booklet, developed by Anna Henry, Ashley McElheny, and Chris Ragsdale of the Class of 2005, is available in the Frank Manor House lobby and online at [go.lclark.edu/tree\\_walk\\_guide](http://go.lclark.edu/tree_walk_guide). For more information about the Professor Evan T. Williams Memorial Tree Walk and how you can support the tree walk, please visit [www.lclark.edu/programs/tree\\_walk](http://www.lclark.edu/programs/tree_walk).

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## Trees and features

The locations of listed trees are signaled along the pathways by etched cobbles, and stakes identify each tree.

### A. Introductory Interpretive Sign

1. **Giant Sequoia** *Sequoiadendron giganteum*
2. **American Beech** *Fagus grandifolia*
3. **Oregon White Oak\*** *Quercus garryana*
4. **Loebner Magnolia** *Magnolia x loebneri*

### B. *Sacagawea* and *Jean Baptiste* (statue)

5. **Bigleaf Maple\*** *Acer macrophyllum*
6. **Deodar Cedar** *Cedrus deodara*
7. **Japanese Umbrella-Pine** *Sciadopitys verticillata*
8. **Paperbark Maple** *Acer griseum*
9. **Incense Cedar** *Calocedrus decurrens 'Fastigiata'*
10. **Ponderosa Pine\*** *Pinus ponderosa*

### C. "Core" of Discovery Interpretive Sign

11. **Pacific Yew** *Taxus brevifolia*
12. **Western Redcedar\*** *Thuja plicata*
13. **Chinese Photinia** *Photinia serrulata*
14. **Katsura Tree** *Cercidiphyllum japonicum*
15. **Japanese Stewartia** *Stewartia pseudocamellia*

### D. *York: Terra Incognita* (statue)

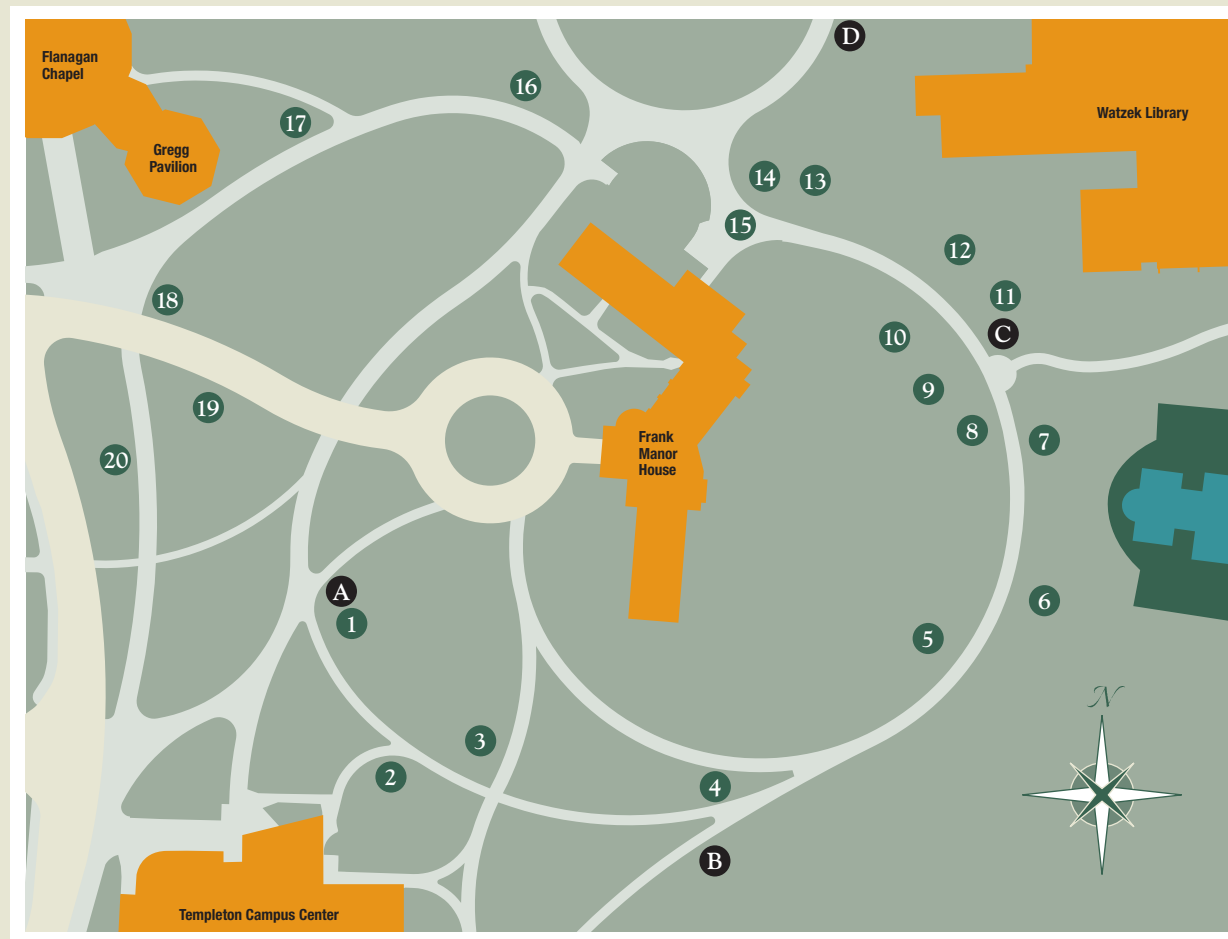
16. **Western Hemlock** *Tsuga heterophylla*
17. **Douglas-fir\*** *Pseudotsuga menziesii*
18. **Rhododendron\*** *Rhododendron spp.*
19. **Scarlet Oak†** *Quercus coccinea*
20. **Japanese Flowering Cherry** *Prunus serrulata*

\*A species noted by the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

†This specimen was destroyed by a windstorm in October 2016.

### Professor Evan T. Williams Memorial Tree (9)

Each fall, Professor Williams invited the Lewis & Clark community to join him on the Frank Manor House patio to watch the sun rise directly over Mount Hood. This tree, a variety of incense cedar found only on the eastern slopes of Mount Hood, memorializes Evan and his sunrise gatherings.



## Tree of All Trees

Like the trees, we are visitors, guests of earth. The light shines down, and a bud breaks, branches give way before us, a book's leaves open, and our eyes look, look again. We are a grove, companions spared to be on earth at the same time. The trees—though not our kind—are kin, elder relatives standing to greet us.

—Kim Stafford

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