



Trail Tree Newsletter

October 2016

This is Volume 34 of the Quarterly Trail Tree Project Newsletter. We hope the topics in this newsletter will be of interest to you. If you want us to report on other things, just let us know and we will be happy to do that. Below is all the latest news.

Trail Tree (TT) Database

Trail Tree Database

In the summer months, we normally see fewer trees coming in for consideration to be added to the database. However, the numbers of submittals seem to holding. We currently have 2,061 trees in the database. I've cleaned out some very older trees submitted a decade ago that no longer qualify.

Trees of Interest

NY Tree

John sent in this tree from NY. It is a Sugar Maple 28 inches in diameter pointing toward a stream.

FL Tree

Bob sent is his tree from south FL. Tree is 36 inches in diameter and it has been determined to have water under the tree which authenticates it as being a Marker Tree.



NY Tree – 28 Inch in Diameter

IL Tree

Christi had a picture taken of her daughter on this Marker tree over 30 years ago at her grandfather's farm in IL. She has since moved from that area and the farm had been sold. However, Christi's daughter was able to return and relocated the tree. The tree is 36.3 inches in diameter.



FL Tree – 36 inches in Diameter

AR Tree

Glenda sent in her unusual Marker Tree from AR. This tree is 23.2 inches in diameter. Multiple arrowheads have been found in the vicinity of this tree. There was another Marker tree located near this tree that died several years ago. It was configured like the "4" Marker Trees.



AR Tree 23 Inch in Diameter



IL Tree 36.3 inch Diameter

GA Tree

Dale alerted us to two Marker Trees near the Cooper's Furnace historic site in Cartersville, GA. We visited the site and found both trees near an old trail. Both trees dowsed for having water underneath them.

AL Trees

Jimmy has been sending in a number of trees he and his grandson have found in AL for several years. The two he sent in this time are as big as some of his previous trees. One tree is 32 inches in diameter and the other is a large 46 inches in diameter.



GA Tree



AL Tree – 46 Inch in Diameter



AL Tree – 32 Inch in Diameter

TN Tree

Emily sent in her tree from a ridge in TN. Her tree is 28.1 inch in diameter.

Canada Tree

Jean sent is a tree from Essex Ontario located in the Maidstone Conservation Area. We have a few trees in the database from Canada but know of many others that have not yet been submitted.



TN Tree – 28 Inch in Diameter

Indian Heritage Sites Mapping Program

We discussed in the last newsletter that most, if not all, Indian sacred sites have underground streams directly related to the surface artifact site. We provided details of some of the sites we have visited. Since that newsletter, we traveled to a site near Cullowhee, NC where we visited the Judaculla Rock. This rock is one of the most sacred site of the Cherokee's. We dowsed that site and discovered there were underground streams flowing N to S and E to W that crossed directly under the rock. We have continued to also visit or revisit Marker Trees to dowse them and, every one of them had water under it.



Canada Tree

In August, we traveled out west to CO and AR to assist some of our colleagues in researching Indian sites to determine if water is located directly under and related to the artifacts. On our way out west we stopped and visited the Toltec Indian Mounds near Little Rock and found water under the burial mound. In CO, we visited a half dozen Ute Indian sites with our colleagues and determined that underground streams were associated with the Ute trees just as we have found back east. Our colleague Dr. Forrest Ketchin has been documenting this fact in other parts of CO. Further, using the special capabilities of the dowsing rods, we located over four dozen unmarked graves at various sites. They are believed to be Ute graves. Our colleagues are now busily working to preserve those sites.

Beginning this summer, we have started offering workshops in dowsing in order to teach our research associates how to use dowsing to document the artifact sites which includes Marker Trees. We have produced a manual for the workshop which we provide to the attendees. The first two workshops were held in Colorado Springs, CO and Hobbs State Park, AR. We trained over 75 people at the two sites.

For the remainder of this fall and into the winter of 2017, we will be visiting more Indian sites to determine and document the fact that water is likely to be found under the artifact sites.

***Mystery of the Trees* Presentations and Book Signings**

We reprinted the book *Mystery of the Trees* in November 2015 and the 3rd edition is again selling well. With the book back in print, we expanded our lecture series for 2016 to six lectures. In the past, we were doing about 30-35 lectures each year. We have slowed down somewhat and are doing about 20 this year. We already have booking in October 2017. We have been invited back to the Wilderness Wildlife Week in Pigeon Forge, TN in May 2017 where we will present two lectures, one of which will be on our findings using dowsing.

If you want to schedule a presentation for the remainder of 2016 or 2017, contact us at our email address mountainman93@gmail.com to schedule a time. The presentations are offered for free but

traveling to overnight venues is not feasible unless a large audience of at least 75 people can be guaranteed.

Each presentation usually includes a short introduction of the speaker plus time for questions and answers following the presentation. Thus, it is best to add 15-20 minutes to the presentation time to allow for the entire event.

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