

Tourguide to Fairhope Trees

Corridor 98

Thomas Hospital Campus

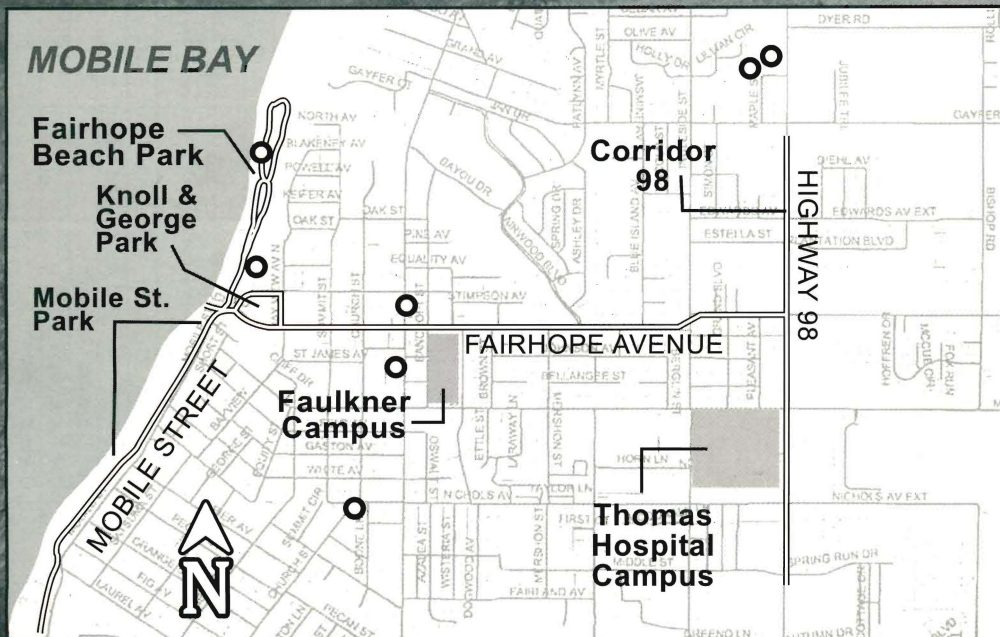
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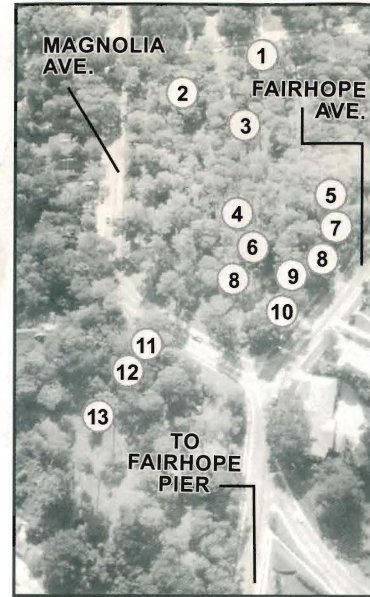
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Alabama State Champion Trees



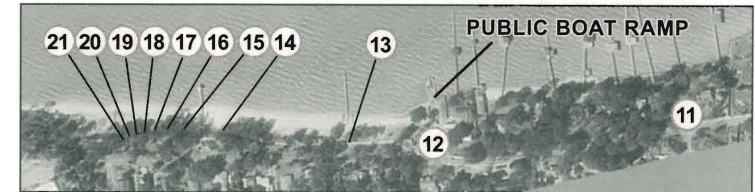
● DESIGNATES STATE CHAMPION TREES

Common Name	Scientific Name	Beach Park Trail	Faulkner Campus	Knoll & George Park	Mobile Street	Thomas Hospital	Corridor 98
American Elm	Ulmus americana		16				
American Holly	Ilex opaca			1			
American Hornbeam	Carpinus caroliniana					9	
Atlantic Whitecedar	Chamaecyparis thyoides	10,36	45				
Baldcypress	Taxodium distichum	4,11	25			15	1,11
Black Cherry	Prunus serotina		4				
Black Willow	Salix nigra	37,44					
Blackgum	Nyssa sylvatica	14	10	3			
Bradford Pear	Pyrus calleryana		61			13	
Bur Oak	Quercus macrocarpa		43				
Camellia	Camellia japonica		52				
Cherrybark Oak	Quercus pagoda		34				
Chinese Elm	Ulmus parvifolia		42				
Chinese Podocarpus	Podocarpus macrophylla		38				
Chinese Tallow-tree	Sapium sebiferum		44				
Common Pear	Pyrus communis		62				
Common Persimmon	Diospyros virginiana		41	11	17		
Crapemyrtle	Lagerstroemia indica		59			12	
Dawn Redwood	Metasequoia glyptostroboides	42	24				
East Palatka Holly	Ilex x attenuata 'East Palatka'					6	
Eastern Redbud	Cercis canadensis	45			9		7
Eastern Red-cedar	Juniperus virginiana	6,7	5,6	12	8,21	4	
Flowering Dogwood	Cornus florida		54	8	7		
Fringe-tree	Chionanthus virginicus		47				
Gingko	Ginkgo biloba		37				
Green Ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica		18				
Hazel Alder	Alnus serrulata	15					
Ironwood	Carpinus caroliniana		19				
Jelly Palm	Butia capitata				12		
Laurel/Darlington Oak	Quercus hemisphaerica	16,21		10	4,13		
"Little Gem" Magnolia	Magnolia grandiflora					11	
Live Oak	Quercus virginiana	3,17	1	7	5,16	3	6,10
Loblolly Pine	Pinus taeda	13,47	28				5,12
Longleaf Pine	Pinus palustris	18	31	6	1		
Loquat	Eriobotrya japonica		46				
Lusterleaf Holly	Ilex latifolia					14	
Pecan	Carya illinoensis		9			7	
Pignut Hickory	Carya glabra		32		11,15		
Pondcypress	Taxodium ascendens	22	26			8	2
Red Buckeye	Aesculus pavia		57				
Red Maple	Acer rubrum	34	40				8
River Birch	Betula nigra	24,46	23			1	9
Savannah Holly	Ilex x attenuata 'Savannah'					2	
Sawtooth Oak	Quercus acutissima		33			5	
Shumard Oak	Quercus shumardii		17				
Slash Pine	Pinus elliottii	5,27	11		6		
Sourwood	Oxydendrum arboreum		30	2			
Southern Magnolia	Magnolia grandiflora	25,29	49		18		
Southern Red Oak	Quercus falcata	23			10		
Southern Waxmyrtle	Myrica cerifera	40	8				
Sparkleberry	Vaccinium arboreum	20		5	19		



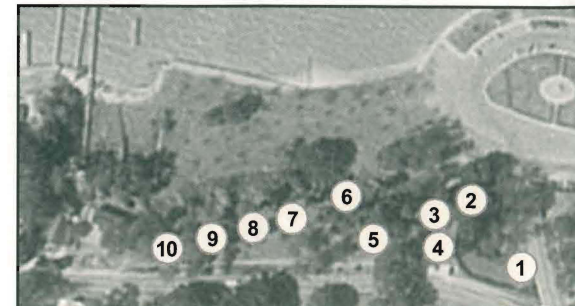
Knoll & George Park

Old Longleaf Pines dominate Knoll Park. The park also has fine Turkey Oaks, Sparkleberrys, and Sourwoods. Henry George Park has an exceptionally good Common Persimmon and a great view of crowns of trees growing below the bluff – including the State Champion Swamp Tupelo, which has gorgeous mahogany red leaves in the fall.

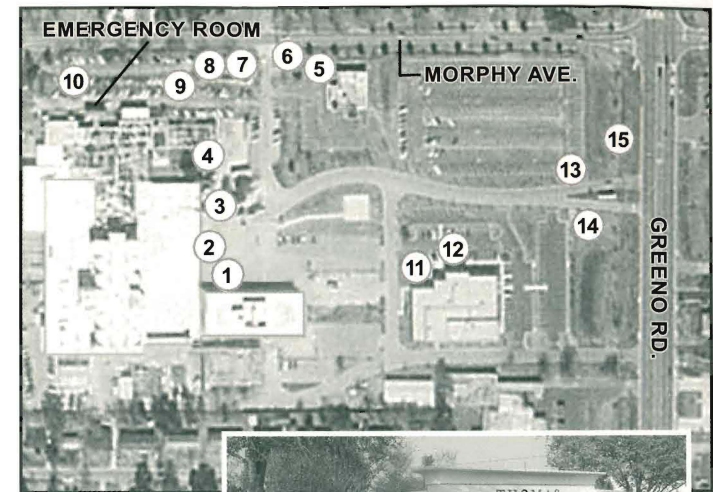


Mobile Street Park

Mature Loblolly Pines, Longleaf Pines, and Pignut Hickories here have survived many hurricanes. A large White Mulberry stands at the foot of the stairway to the beach at the north end of the park.

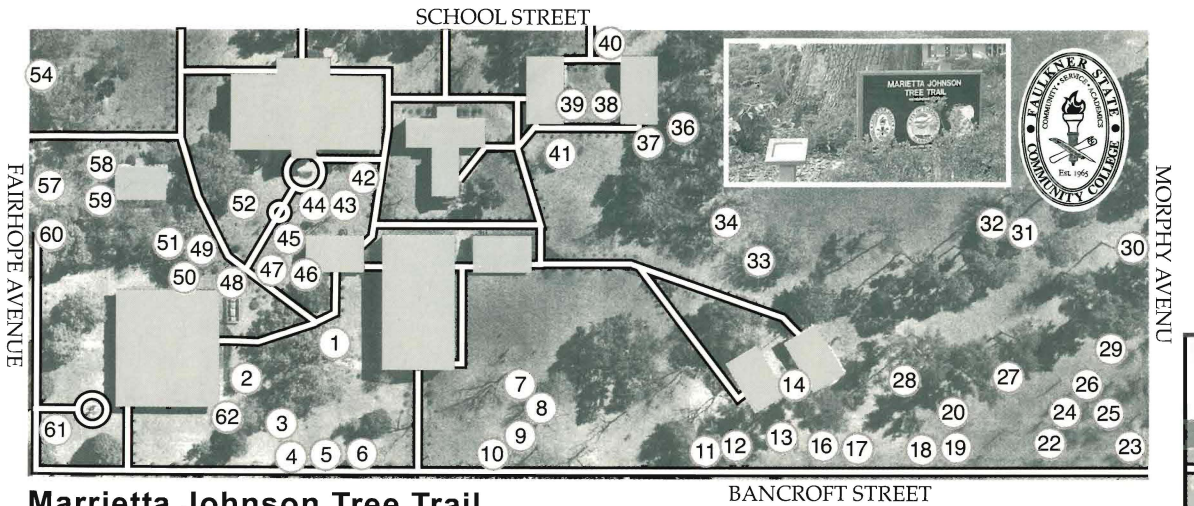


Spruce Pine	<i>Pinus glabra</i>		2			
Swamp Tupelo	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> var. <i>biflora</i>	1,38				
Swamp-chestnut Oak	<i>Quercus michauxii</i>		20			
Sweetbay	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	30,35				
Sweetgum or Redgum	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	28,41				4
Sycamore	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>		22			
Turkey Oak	<i>Quercus laevis</i>		4			
Water Oak	<i>Quercus nigra</i>	19,26	7	9	3,20	10
White Mulberry	<i>Morus alba</i>		13		2	
White Oak	<i>Quercus alba</i>		27			
Willow Oak	<i>Quercus phellos</i>	2				3
Yaupon	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>		51			
Yellowpoplar or Tuliptree	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	39,43	3			
Yoshino Cherry	<i>Prunus x yedoensis</i>	9,12				



Thomas Hospital Campus

The Campus has an interesting mix of landscape species. Especially note American Hornbeam, Lusterleaf Holly, Pondcypress and Sawtooth Oak.

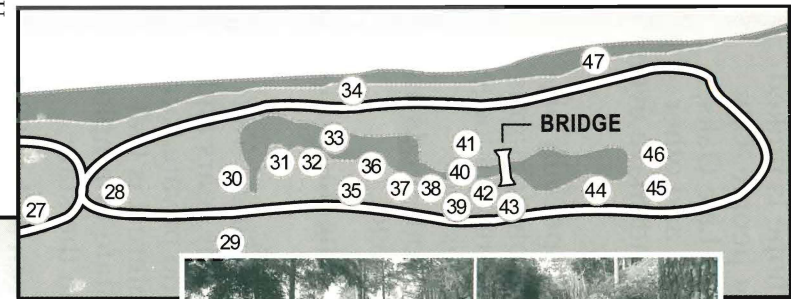
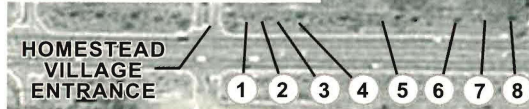


Marietta Johnson Tree Trail

The Faulkner Campus is home to the Marietta Johnson Tree Trail, established in honor of the famed School of Organic Education teacher. Before Hurricane Ivan the trail included more than signed 60 specimens, and many new specimens had been planted. Despite storm losses, the trail provides many examples of native and non-native landscape trees.

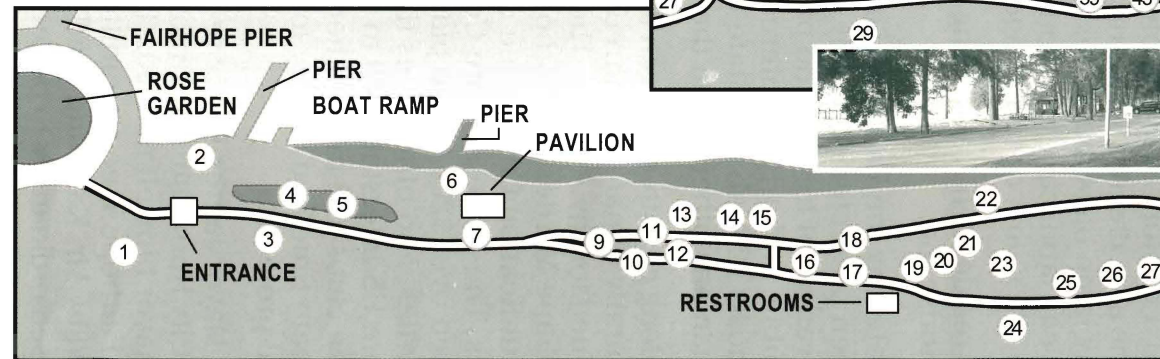
Corridor 98

The Corridor 98 Committee funded the major plantings of Live Oaks and Crape Myrtles from Interstate 10 to South Fairhope. In Fairhope, the Committee added carefully designed mixtures of Pondcypress, Baldcypress, Loblolly Pine, Sweetgum, Indian Hawthorn, and several other species.



Beach Park Tree Trail

Beach Park Tree Trail includes a beautiful mixture of species (25 or more) – most of them typical of wetlands or bottomlands – and two State Champions. Hurricane Ivan destroyed some of the 48 signed specimens, but replacements are planned.



Trees are a main reason why Fairhope is ranked among the nation's best places for people. City parks and streets have thousands of Live Oaks, Longleaf Pines, Southern Magnolias, and other trademark southern trees. Private lands have even more.

The city today has far more trees, especially big ones, than it did a century ago. Old photographs show much of the area cleared for farming or logged for timber. Many large oaks and pines now dominating the city landscape are from seeds and sprouts of 50 to 100 years, or more, ago.

The City and its residents have a strong tradition of caring for the landscape.

Parklands donated by the Fairhope Single-Tax Colony have been protected for many years and contain a wide variety of trees, as do private yards. One result of public and private interest is that Fairhope now hosts 12 Alabama State Champion Trees – more than any other city in the state.

Major planting along city streets began in the 1980's. The McGowin family donated hundreds of oaks and hollies to line Morphy Avenue. The Niemeyer family bought Crape Myrtles for Fairhope Avenue. A Fairhope Beautification Committee collected \$15,000 for trees. The Eastern Shore Corridor 98 Committee raised over \$200,000 to plant the Live Oaks, Crape Myrtles, and other trees that line US Highway 98, from US Interstate I-10 to south Fairhope. Garden clubs and many other individuals continue to donate time and money for plantings and educational projects.

In 1983, former Mayor James P. Nix recruited Fairhope's first City Horticulturist, Timothy M. Kant, who became mayor himself in 2000. They established the Fairhope Tree Committee. The City Council, advised by Mr. Kant and the Tree Committee, passed ordinances to protect the town's landscapes. Today, Fairhope has a detailed Tree Ordinance (copies available from the City Clerk) concerning both public and private landscapes.

The Fairhope Tree Committee, with help from volunteer experts, has established the five Tree Trails shown in this brochure. (Additional brochures on the Marietta Johnson Tree Trail and the Beach Park Tree Trail are available at the City Hall.) The idea is to help citizens and visitors learn to identify some of the many different tree species found here. It also is to provide examples to help people decide what trees they might wish to use in landscaping.

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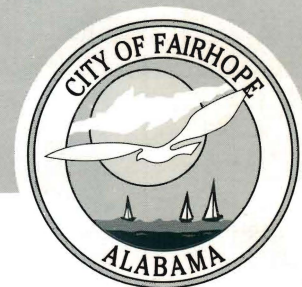
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