

## City Park Timeline

**1857** –45 acres laid out in the original Manhattan plat.

**1850's-1870's** –Area used for grazing and bordered by hedge trees.

**1860's-1870's** –Southeast corner of the area was a clay pit utilized by the Ulrich Brick Factory.

**1870's-1880's** –Area was leased to the Riley County Fair Association. The RC Fair was held in late summer for 3 days in the northern part of the park.

**1874** –Floral hall was built to house exhibits for the Riley County Fair. The building is now known as the Round House.

**1895** –Cast iron fountain was put in the north part of the park. In 1986, the fountain was returned and placed in the J.W. Berry Rose Garden.

**1904** –The Chief Tatarax Monument was erected.

**1900's** –1300-1400 trees were planted. The purpose of park at this time was to display trees and shrubs. By 1910, the park contained over 50 varieties of trees.

**1916** –Pioneer log cabin was built as a museum to house a collection of pioneer artifacts used in the home and on the farm.

**1922** –Little house next to the rose garden was built.

**1927** –James W. Berry Rose Garden was built. In 1940, Berry won national recognition for his work with roses and garden planning. In 1940, a hard freeze killed the rose bushes. In February 1941, 1,100 rose bushes purchased from Portland Oregon. Three hundred and twenty five more bushes were added in 1942.

**1939** –Park Pavilion was built.

**1955** –Manhattan recreational office was built.

**1964** –H.P. Wareham Memorial Fountain was built with funds from the Wareham Estate. In 1992, the Wareham family wished to renovate fountain into a planter.

**1966** –Johnny Kaw statue was built in the southeast corner of the park.

**1974** –3 Tennis Courts were added to the park.

**1975** –Arts in the Park program began.

**1987** –Picnic Shelter was built near the Poyntz entrance .

**1991** –Clareburg Trail was named to the jogging trail around the park.

**2009** –Splash Park

**2009** –Jon and Ruth Ann Wefald Pavilion & GTM Family Center

**2010** –City Pool rebuilt

**2011** –Flag Plaza built

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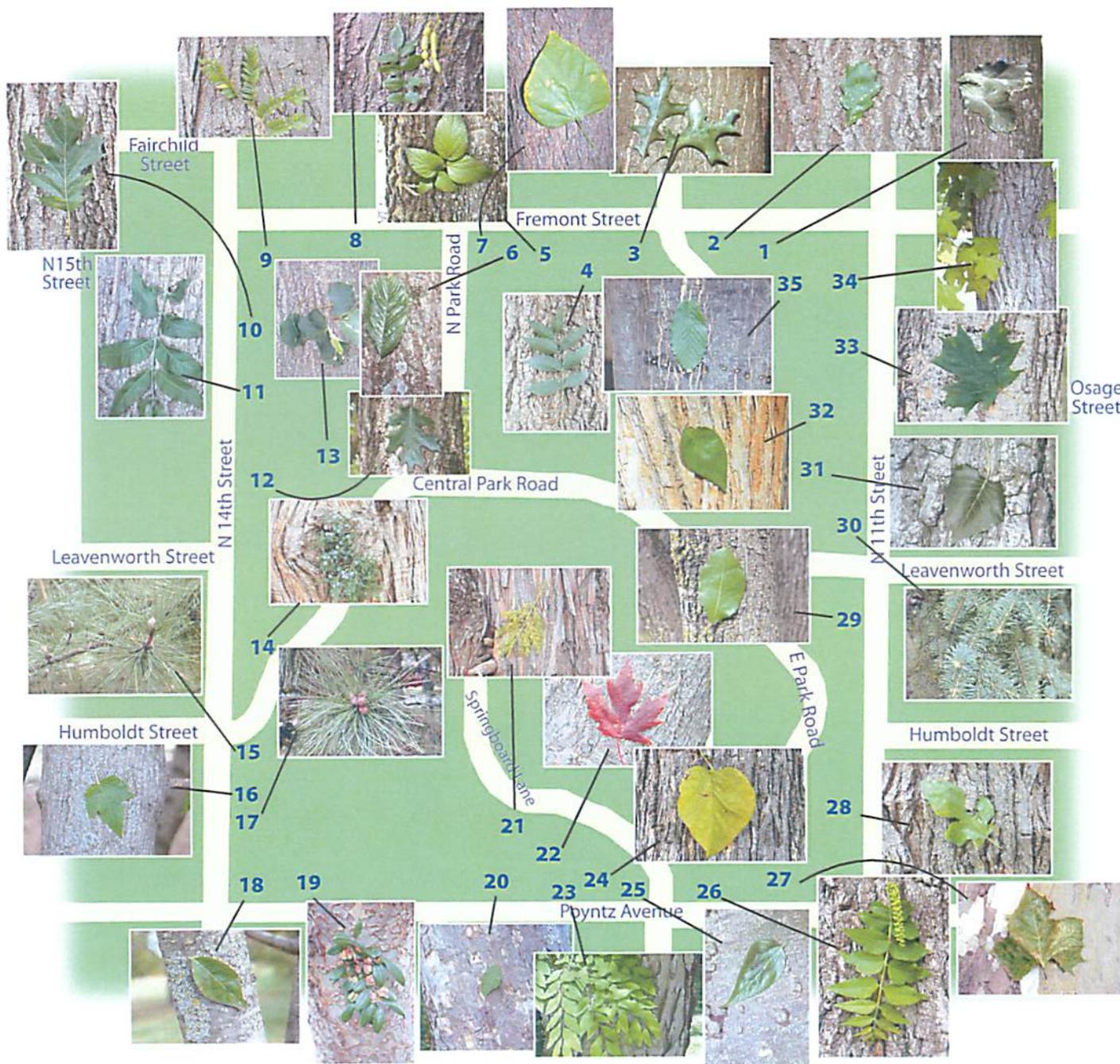
# Manhattan City Park Tree Walk



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1. Swamp White Oak – *Quercus bicolor*
2. English Oak – *Quercus robur*
3. Pin Oak – *Quercus palustris*
4. Chinese Pistache – *Pistacia chinensis*
5. Hackberry – *Celtis occidentalis*
6. American Elm – *Ulmus americana*
7. Eastern Redbud – *Cercis canadensis*
8. Japanese Pagodatree – *Styphnolobium japonicum*
9. Honeylocust – *Gleditsia triacanthos* var. *inermis*
10. Northern Red Oak – *Quercus rubra*
11. Pecan – *Carya illinoensis*
12. Shumard Oak – *Quercus shumardii*
13. Littleleaf Linden – *Tilia cordata*
14. Eastern Redcedar – *Juniperus virginiana*
15. Austrian Pine – *Pinus nigra*
16. Amur Maple – *Acer tataricum* ssp. *ginnala*
17. Ponderosa Pine – *Pinus ponderosa*
18. Japanese Lilac Tree – *Syringa reticulata*
19. Chinese (Lacebark) Elm – *Ulmus parvifolia*
20. Crabapple – *Malus* spp.
21. Bald Cypress – *Taxodium distichum*
22. Red Maple – *Acer rubrum*
23. Kentucky Coffeetree – *Gymnocladus dioica*
24. Northern Catalpa – *Catalpa speciosa*
25. Sugarberry – *Celtis laevigata*
26. Black Walnut – *Juglans nigra*
27. Sycamore – *Platanus occidentalis*
28. Mulberry – *Morus alba*
29. Ornamental (Callery) Pear – *Pyrus calleryana*
30. Colorado Spruce – *Picea pungens*
31. Cottonwood – *Populus deltoides*
32. Osage-Orange (hedge) – *Maclura pomifera*
33. Sugar Maple – *Acer saccharum*
34. Sweet Gum – *Liquidambar styraciflua*
35. European Hornbeam – *Carpinus betulus*