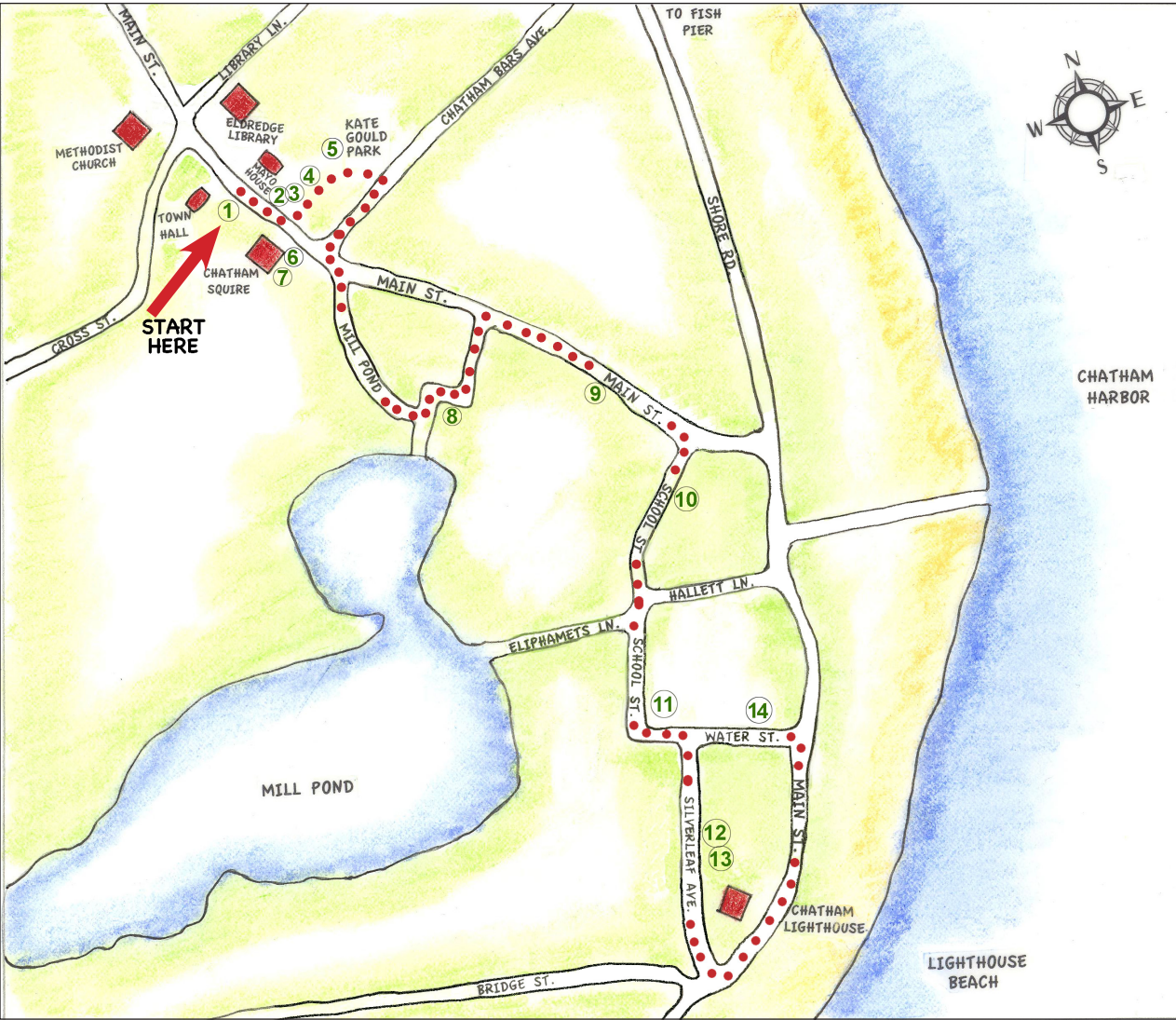


MAP LEGEND:

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Founded in 1978, Friends of Trees, Inc. is a non-profit organization that has planted hundreds of trees on Chatham’s streets and in parks, many in memory of loved ones and friends. Through education and grants, Friends of Trees is promoting awareness of the environmental, economic, and aesthetic benefits that trees provide our community. With your help, Friends of Trees can continue its work of keeping Chatham green and beautiful. Thank you.

With ocean waters on two sides, Chatham has a maritime climate. Those conditions are tough on trees, so in general our trees tend not to grow as large as those found along Route 6A and off Cape. Some trees on this tour are noteworthy not because they are old or beautiful, but because they are survivors. Increasingly frequent storms bring wind, ice, and lightning that often damage or destroy our trees. Many survive nature’s storms only to fall victim to development.

We all share a concern for preserving our landscape and the trees that give Chatham its character. If you enjoyed this walking tour, consider donating to Chatham’s Friends of Trees.

For more information and to find out how you can help, please visit our website:
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A self-guided
WALKING TOUR
of
NOTABLE TREES
in CHATHAM VILLAGE

This tour is about two miles long and takes one hour roundtrip at a leisurely pace. It begins at the Chamber of Commerce kiosk (just east of Town Hall) on Main Street and ends near Lighthouse Beach. Start at Tree #1 and have fun finding some of Chatham’s most notable trees.



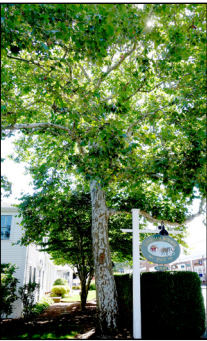
American Elm - *Ulmus americana*

To the right of the Chamber of Commerce is a young native American Elm “Princeton.” The tree is notable because this cultivar has shown to be resistant to Dutch elm disease and elm leaf beetle. It makes a fine yard, shade or street tree that grows well under a variety of conditions.



American Sycamore - *Platanus occidentalis*

At the Wayside Inn just across the street is a fast-growing native Sycamore whose mottled bark stands out in the winter. Also known as the American Plane or Buttonwood, its wood is hard and often used for furniture. In the right conditions Sycamores often become one of our tallest native trees.



3 American Linden - *Tilia americana*

The first tree on the left inside Kate Gould Park is a tall, stately Linden tree native to eastern North America. On July 23, 2019, tornado force winds roared through Chatham and this tree and others nearby were severely damaged. We hope it will survive and once again look like the tree in the photo. See other Lindens at Tree #8.



4 Black Tupelo - *Nyssa sylvatica*

Kate Gould Park was created in 1933. Many of the trees in the park date back to that time, such as this Tupelo. The Tupelo, also known as Black Gum or Sour Gum, is one of our most beautiful trees. Its fruit is eaten by many birds and mammals. It has outstanding summer and fall foliage, and makes an excellent shade tree for yards and streets.



5 Red Maple - *Acer rubrum*

The native Red Maple in Kate Gould Park is called "October Glory" for its brilliant fall foliage. It is an excellent specimen tree for yards and parks. Early red flowers let us know spring is here. This is a relatively young tree planted in recognition of Chatham's tercentennial.



6 Silver Maple - *Acer saccharinum*

Between the Squire and the Mayflower on Main Street is a large native Silver Maple, distinguished by the silver color of the underside of its leaves. Based on the girth of its trunk, this tree has shaded Main Street for almost half a century. Its canopy has been disfigured by pruning for the electrical wires – another hazard for trees.



7 River Birch - *Betula nigra*

In the courtyard just past the Mayflower grows a wonderful native River Birch. This tree is best known for its peeling reddish brown bark and resistance to disease and insects that plague most birches. It grows best in moist, acidic soil.



8 American Linden - *Tilia americana*

Back on Main Street, just beyond the courtyard, turn right on Mill Pond Road. At the Mill Pond, the road continues past a lovely salt pond and uphill to Homestead Lane. A grove of Lindens is on the right with numerous low spreading branches that provide shade and habitat for birds and insects. Recall the damaged Linden, Tree #3.



9 Siberian Elm - *Ulmus pumila*

A right turn onto Main Street leads past two old Siberian Elms. This Elm species is highly resistant to Dutch elm disease and was widely planted as a replacement for the American Elm that succumbed to the disease.



10 American Elm - *Ulmus americana*

From Main Street, turn right onto School Street. Near a rock pillar on the left is a stately, native American Elm, the state tree of Massachusetts. It is one of Chatham's few native elms that survived the Dutch elm disease in the 1960's. This tree was planted in the 1800's, making it one of Chatham's oldest trees. The Elm Institute has designated this tree as a historic landmark.



11 Red Maple - *Acer rubrum*

At the corner of School and Water Streets are two glorious Red Maples. We believe they are over 125 years old. In early spring, a cluster of red buds and tiny red flowers distinguish this tree. Recall Tree #5, the young Red Maple.



12 Northern Catalpa - *Catalpa speciosa*

A right turn onto Silverleaf Avenue brings walkers to the heart of the Old Village. About half-way down the street is an old Catalpa tree, likely planted in the 1920's. Bell-shaped white flowers grace the tree in mid June. If you look closely you can see a long scar in the trunk where this tree was hit by lightning.



13 Horse Chestnut - *Aesculus hippocastanum*

A lovely spreading Horse Chestnut is on the left a bit further down Silverleaf Avenue. This tree is striking for its convoluted trunk and branched structure which are most apparent in winter. Horse Chestnuts have handsome white or red flowers in May, but tend to develop leaf scorch in warm, dry summers and prematurely drop their leaves.



14 Copper Beech - *Fagus sylvatica*

On Water Street just before Main Street, is the queen of the walking tour in terms of age and stately elegance in all seasons. In winter the elephant-hide-like bark is stunning; in summer the copper foliage is unrivaled. It is estimated to be over 125 years old. There is no finer tree in Chatham.

