Spring Grove Cemetery was chartered in 1845 as a non-profit cemetery. Encompassing 733 acres, 15 lakes, a waterfall, and over 44 miles of winding roads, Spring Grove remains a beautiful piece of Cincinnati history. In 1987, Spring Grove adopted its current name of “Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum”. From the beginning, landscape design was an essential part of Spring Grove’s development. Today, there are over 1,200 different species of trees, shrubs, and perennials labeled for study. Included in this collection are both National and State champion trees and the patented Spring Grove Dogwood. In 2007, Spring Grove was designated a National Historic Landmark, a distinction that only five cemeteries in the nation hold. In 2010, Spring Grove started a horticulture volunteer program. Many opportunities are available including invasive species control, annual/perennial bed maintenance, and woodland preservation. Please contact Spring Grove at 513-853-4941 or vordinator@springgrove.org.

The entry gates are opened at 8:00AM and locked at 6:00PM. The Main Gate only is open until 8:00PM throughout our extended summer hours on Mondays and Thursdays (May 1 - August 31). When visiting the cemetery, please park your vehicle along the right side of the roads, keeping the vehicle on the pavement. Public restrooms, located in the foyer of the Customer Service Center, remain open during regular gate hours. For more information, please visit our website at www.springgrove.org and become a fan on facebook.

MEASURING A CHAMPION

Tree nominees are judged on three criteria: trunk circumference, vertical height, and crown spread. Each measurement corresponds to a point system; and the tree with the most points is declared champion. The tree receives 1 point per inch of circumference, 1 point per foot of vertical height, and 1/4 of a point per foot of average crown spread.

SPRING GROVE’S CHAMPIONS

Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum currently has 19 State Champion trees, and has had National Champions in the past. If a tree is designated a champion then it is the largest specimen in the state or the country. The state of Ohio actively searches for large trees through it’s Big Trees Program. Anyone can nominate a tree to become a champion by first measuring the tree and then submitting it for nomination to the state. Please visit the state’s website - http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/tabid/4806/default.aspx - to find specific instructions on how to correctly measure and nominate a tree. Current champion trees are remeasured by the state on a five year rotation. The state’s website also has a list of all of Ohio’s state and national champions, their measurements, and their locations. Champions may be native or non-native species. Cultivars are not recognized.

Spring Grove’s champions are scattered throughout the arboretum, however their locations are noted on the inside pages as well as on the visitor’s map. All of the champion trees at Spring Grove have a boulder with a plaque noting their status.
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<th>Champion Locations</th>
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| **1. American Fringetree**  
Chionanthus virginicus  
Location: Section 101, across from Section 102  
Origin: Southern New Jersey to Florida and Texas  
Circumference: 23"  
Height: 16'  
Width: 20' |
| **2. Baldcypress**  
Taxodium distichum  
Location: Section 20, across from Section 21  
Origin: Indiana to Texas and to the East Coast  
Circumference: 196"  
Height: 100'  
Width: 56' |
| **3. Devil’s Walking Stick**  
Aralia spinosa  
Location: Woodland Parking Lot  
Origin: Southern Pennsylvania to Iowa and south to Texas  
Circumference: 19"  
Height: 24'  
Width: 14' |
| **4. Lumber Pine**  
Pinus flexilis  
Location: middle of Section A  
Origin: Alberta to Northern Mexico, east to Texas  
Circumference: 104"  
Height: 50'  
Width: 46' |
| **5. September Elm**  
Ulmus serotina  
Location: Section 74, across from Section 106  
Origin: Southern Illinois to Alabama, west to Oklahoma  
Circumference: 88"  
Height: 89'  
Width: 49' |
| **6. Water Oak**  
Quercus nigra  
Location: Section 113, across from Section 112  
Origin: Southern New Jersey to Florida, west to Texas, and north to Missouri  
Circumference: 126"  
Height: 82'  
Width: 71' |
| **7. Western White Pine**  
Pinus monticola  
Location: Section 52, across from Section 51  
Origin: British Columbia to Idaho and California  
Circumference: 58"  
Height: 30'  
Width: 34' |
| **8. Yellow Buckeye**  
Aesculus flava  
Location: Section 22, across from Section 21  
Origin: Indiana to Texas  
Circumference: 168"  
Height: 82'  
Width: 64' |
| **9. Amur Corktree**  
Phellodendron amurense  
Location: Section 95, across from Section 93  
Origin: Northern China, Manchuria, Japan  
Circumference: 157"  
Height: 67'  
Width: 59' |
| **10. Cedars of Lebanon**  
Cedrus libani  
Location: Section 21, corner across from the archway  
Origin: Lebanon, Cilician Taurus, Turkey  
Circumference: 101"  
Height: 51'  
Width: 45' |
| **11. Cilician Fir**  
Abies cilicica  
Location: Section 110, across from Section 99  
Origin: Asia Minor, Syria  
Circumference: 65"  
Height: 95'  
Width: 20' |
| **14. Himalayan Pine**  
Pinus wallichiana  
Location: Section 53, across from section 52  
Origin: Temperate Himalaya, west to Afghanistan and east to Nepal  
Circumference: 114"  
Height: 87'  
Width: 49' |
| **17. Oriental Spruce**  
Picea orientalis  
Location: Section 101, across from Section 103  
Origin: Eastern Szechuan and western Hupeh, China  
Circumference: 190"  
Height: 75'  
Width: 51' |
| **19. Turkey Oak**  
Quercus cerris  
Location: Section 42, across from Section 51  
Origin: Southern Europe, Western Asia  
Circumference: 137"  
Height: 83'  
Width: 74' |