

Tennessee

2012 State Report



Tennessee's state tree is the Tulip Poplar.

Tennessee State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation Members in
Tennessee: **23,358**



TREE CITY USA®

Program in Tennessee:

Tree City USA Communities: **40**
Total population served: **1,829,812**

Largest Tree City USA in Tennessee:
Nashville, population 635,710

Smallest Tree City USA in Tennessee:
Bell Buckle, population 410

Tree Line USA Utilities: **15**

Tree Campus USA Colleges: **1**

Certified Nature Explore Classrooms: **1**

**Tennessee celebrates Arbor Day on the
first Friday in March.**

Nature Explore Classrooms Are Changing the Lives of Children

Children today spend less time outdoors and are more disconnected from nature than ever before. At the same time studies show increasing rates of childhood obesity, diabetes, and behavior challenges. Addressing the problem is the growing Nature Explore program, a collaborative project of the Arbor Day Foundation and Dimensions Educational Research Foundation. Nature Explore provides comprehensive, field-tested resources to help educators, administrators, and families make nature part of the daily lives of children – at child care centers, schools, nature centers, parks, and at home.

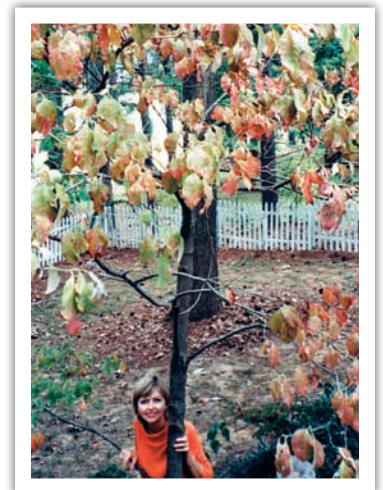


Nature Explore Classrooms, in spaces large and small, continue to be designed and built across the country using field-tested principles in the *Learning With Nature Idea Book* (available at natureexplore.org). In Nature Explore Classrooms, children begin to understand the natural world around them, instilling a lifelong sense of wonder and a love of nature...creating the earth's next generation of tree planters and environmental stewards. To learn more about Nature Explore Classrooms in Tennessee, please visit natureexplore.org/classrooms.

Tennessee Members Plant 206,026 Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 23,358 Tennessee members helped plant more than 206,026 trees across the state last year.

Sharon Hayes, a loyal member from Brownsville, Tennessee, has been planting membership trees since 1990. She shared with us a photo of one of her favorite trees. With wonderful, dedicated members like Sharon, Tennessee will always have a strong and majestic tree presence.

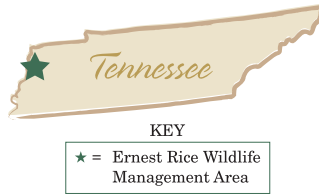


Sharon with the dogwood tree she planted.

Ernest Rice Wildlife Management Area, Tennessee Forest Report

The cooperative efforts of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are restoring the Ernest Rice Wildlife Management Area through a critical reforestation project. Thanks to the Arbor Day Foundation, and their partners and members, 14 different tree species (more than 40,000 trees in all) were planted to bring a bottomland hardwood forest ecosystem back to life in an area cleared years ago for agricultural production.

Through the replanting of these native trees such as baldcypress, willow oak, water oak, sweetgum, persimmon, and swamp chestnut oak, the TWRA is connecting refuges and Wildlife Management Areas such as these. Ultimately, their goal is to re-establish an uninterrupted forested corridor for diverse wildlife species. Additionally, these trees will enhance forest recreation and restore water quality in important wetlands areas.



Tree Campus USA

The Tree Campus USA program recognizes college and university campuses that:

- Effectively manage their campus trees.
- Develop connectivity with the community beyond campus borders to foster healthy, urban forests.
- Strive to engage their student population utilizing service learning opportunities centered on campus, and community forestry efforts.

Colleges and universities can be recognized, just like **Cleveland State Community College**, as a Tree Campus USA college by meeting five standards developed to promote healthy trees and student involvement. By meeting the annual standards and being recognized as a Tree Campus USA college, the campus not only benefits the environment but instills pride in the students, faculty, and community.

Learn more about the Tree Campus USA program at arborday.org/treecampususa.

Tennessee Tree City USAs Support Community Forestry

The Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA® program encourages, supports, and strengthens effective urban and community forestry programs in diverse communities nationwide through recognition, education, and publicity. From the humble beginning of the program 36 years ago, it has grown to be the leading community forestry recognition program in the country, with more than 3,400 designated Tree City USAs across America.

Tree City USA is thriving in Tennessee because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry. Tennessee boasts 40 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, Tennessee Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$11,386,912 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the more than 1.8 million Tennessee residents who live in those communities. The dedication of Tennessee's urban and community foresters, city officials, and citizens to planting and caring for trees in their cities and towns helps increase energy savings, clean the air and water, and beautify the entire state.



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