

Trail Rules

1. The trail is on private property and visitors are required to stay on the trail at all times.
2. No parking in Carmel Manor Nursing Home parking lot. Please park near the entrance to the trail or at the Sports Complex (running track) parking lot.
3. No running.
4. Carry out whatever you bring onto the trail. Keep the trail beautiful.
5. Hikers only. Absolutely no bikes permitted on the trail.
6. Report any problems with the trail to the City of Ft Thomas, 441-1055

The “Fort Thomas Landmark Tree Trail” is a project of the Fort Thomas Tree Commission. The Trail was constructed in the winter and spring of 1993. The Trail is 1.1 miles long and moderately difficult to walk because of a few steep hills. Wear good walking or hiking shoes.

The Trail passes by 14 “Ft. Thomas Landmark Trees” that are over 100 years old. The forest is made up primarily of Maple and Buckeye Trees. This is the most secluded and best preserved wooded area left in Ft. Thomas, and the Trail has been designed for nature enthusiasts. Schools are encouraged to use the Trail for environmental studies.

The Trail contains a variety of wildflowers that are beautiful in the spring. There is a hawk’s nest on the trail, and deer have been spotted in the woods. Views of the Ohio River are good in late fall, winter and early spring.

A branch of the Trail leads to an old well site and a long rock wall constructed when the property was part of a military fort.

Major Contributors

Construction of the “Fort Thomas Landmark Tree Trail” would not have been possible without the help of a number of Ft. Thomas businesses and individuals.

A special thanks is owed to Sister David Brown of Carmel Manor and current administrator Sister Teresa Kennedy; a 350-foot stretch of trail is owned by Ed Wilbers. Carmel Manor Nursing Home and Ed Wilbers entered into lease agreements with the City to make the Trail possible.

Moore’s Home Improvement donated all of the lumber for the bridge on the lower Trail. The bridge was constructed by Ron Dill, Mark Dill and Steve Bailey. Brian Stegman donated woodchips, Bob Compton donated spikes, and Steve Poindexter provided a truck and his time to construct the Trail.

Bev and Jim Stegman paid for the beautiful signs on the Trail.

Students from Woodfill, Moyer and Johnson Schools, as well as Highlands High School, helped spread woodchips on the Trail.

In 2005, updates were made to the Trail using a grant from NKUCFC. These updates include, a new bridge, a kiosk, planting wildflowers, trees and plants, and general trail clean-up. Special thanks goes out to Craig Ballard, the Master Gardeners, and many volunteers for their efforts on the Trail.

Fort Thomas Firefighters Local 1928 for creating the map of the Trail.

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	Approximate Age in years	Circumference Feet' inches"	Height
1. Kentucky Coffee tree	40	2'6"	45
2. Shumard Oak	200	10'1"	60
3. Shumard Oak	175	8'6"	55
4. Northern Red Oak	175	9'5"	80
5. Northern Red Oak	125	7'6"	70
6. American Sycamore	225	14'	90
7. Chinkapin Oak	350	13'8"	90
8. White Ash	140	8'6"	80
9. Northern Red Oak	175	9'8"	85
10. Northern Red Oak	200	11'2"	85
11. Shumard Oak	250	11'11"	90
12. Shumard Oak	175	9'3"	80
13. Shumard Oak	175	8'9"	85
14. Shumard Oak	225	10'10"	80
15. Chinkapin Oak	175	8'11"	60

