

Ms. Joan McCarty, CCCD board member and Kocher Park Committee Chair, coordinated this November 2021 brochure update and new signage following flooding events that resulted in the death of numerous original trees. In addition, other trees have been identified in the park since Girl Scout Troup 30185 created the original brochure in 2015. All of the trees that are numbered on this map have a wooden post with signs containing both the common and scientific names of the tree located near them. The posts are black locust and were donated and carved by Mr. Rich Kisner, Kocher Park Committee member and Executive Director of the Community Strategies Group.

Mr. Doug Brown, CCCD board member and teacher at Central Columbia High School, and his students engraved the ID signs; Joan, Doug, and Abby Sieg, CCCD Watershed Specialist, hung the ID signs on all the posts.

Three of the identified tree species on this map are invasive to Pennsylvania: tree of heaven, autumn olive, and Norway maple. In addition, the park also contains numerous other invasive plant species including mile-a-minute, poison hemlock, Japanese stilt grass, garlic mustard, Japanese honeysuckle, and Japanese Knotweed. The CCCD and volunteers are managing some of these species, however, by their nature, invasive species are extremely hard to control.

Along Fishing Creek, the trail has numerous access points for fishing and swimming. Keep an eye out for streambank stabilization and fish habitat structures that were installed by US Fish and Wildlife Service through a DEP Growing Greener grant received by Fishing Creek Watershed Association and the CCCD in 2001.

## Our Project

This brochure is just one component of our Girl Scout Silver Award project. The Silver Award is the highest award available at the Cadette level of scouting. For our project, we wanted to do something that could be used by everyone in the community, from teachers and their students, to hikers, and to the everyday person out for a walk.

Our project had three components. The first one was identifying and labeling the trees at Kocher Park, which you can see as you travel around the park. The second part was this brochure, which you can take along on your walk through the park. Lastly we made a PowerPoint presentation with more detailed information and linked it to the Kocher Park website. Together, or separately, these components can be used in whatever way suits you best.

So enjoy your experience at Kocher Park. We hope that our project has made it even better, and we're glad we had the chance to improve our community.

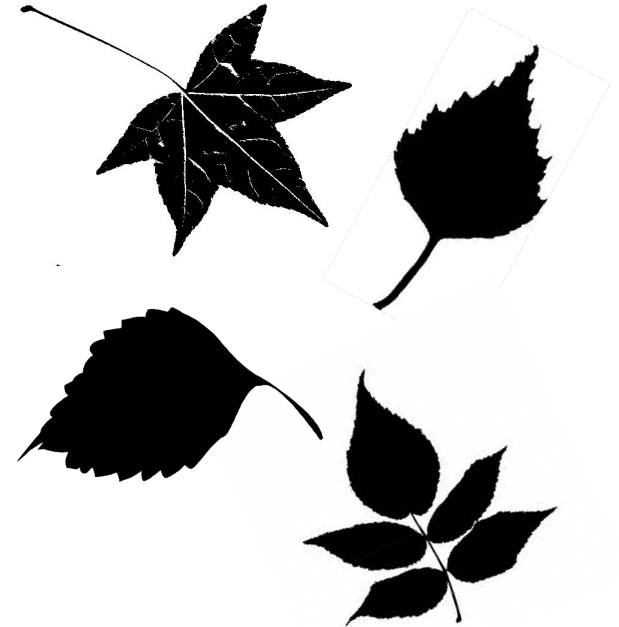
(\*Note: This brochure was created in 2015 and updated by the CCCD in November 2021)

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Original Project: Girl Scout Troop 30185, Nancy Corbin, Joan McCarty, George Chamuris, Dave Beagle

2021 Update: Joan McCarty, Doug Brown and his students, Rich Kisner, Blair Johnston, and Abby Sieg

# Trees of Kocher Park



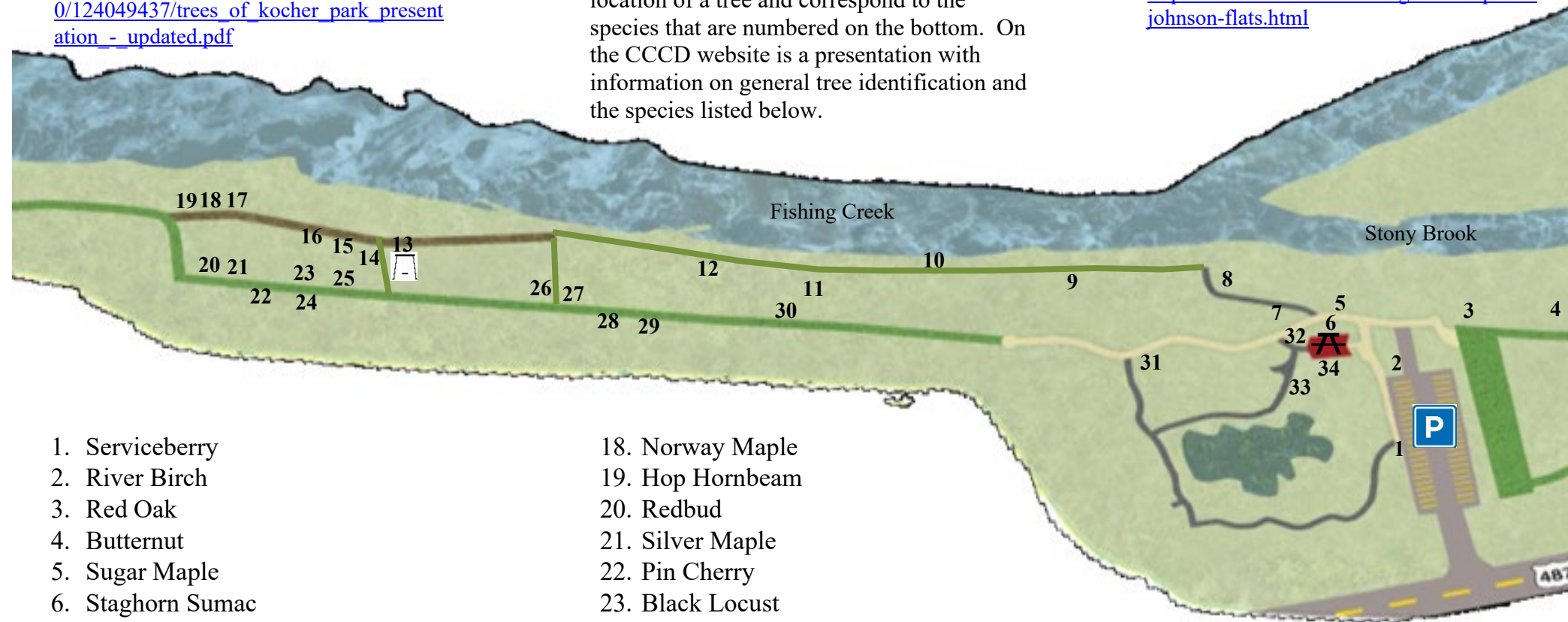
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Bloomsburg, PA

# Tree Map

Trees of Kocher Park Presentation :  
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The numbers on the map below indicate the location of a tree and correspond to the species that are numbered on the bottom. On the CCCD website is a presentation with information on general tree identification and the species listed below.


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|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Serviceberry             | 18. Norway Maple     |
| 2. River Birch              | 19. Hop Hornbeam     |
| 3. Red Oak                  | 20. Redbud           |
| 4. Butternut                | 21. Silver Maple     |
| 5. Sugar Maple              | 22. Pin Cherry       |
| 6. Staghorn Sumac           | 23. Black Locust     |
| 7. Pin Oak                  | 24. Green Ash        |
| 8. Sandbar Willow           | 25. Paw-Paw          |
| 9. Tree of Kocher Park Sign | 26. Black Walnut     |
| 10. Swamp White Oak         | 27. Common Hackberry |
| 11. Sycamore                | 28. Black Tupelo     |
| 12. Autumn Olive            | 29. White Mulberry   |
| 13. Water Birch             | 30. Tree of Heaven   |
| 14. Black Cherry            | 31. Red Maple        |
| 15. Ironwood                | 32. Tulip Poplar     |
| 16. Basswood                | 33. Silky Dogwood    |
| 17. White Pine              | 34. Boxelder         |

**Key:**

 - Pavilion

 - Swing

 - Parking

(This map is not to scale)