

HOW TO MEASURE YOUR UNDERHILL BIG TREE

The following steps will help you measure your big tree.

What you will need:

- Flexible measuring tape or long length of string
- Rigid tape measure, yardstick or ruler
- Sharpie or pen
- Digital Camera
- Phone with GPS coordinate capabilities (optional)

Measuring the circumference

1. Find the high side of the tree (if on a slope) and measure 4.5 feet up the trunk from the base of the tree. Mark the 4.5' spot with a sharpie, flagging, thumb tack, etc. Or just pick a visual spot on the tree that you can identify.
2. Wrap your flexible tape measure around the tree being careful to stay 90 degrees to the natural lean of the tree. If you do not own a flexible tape measure or yours isn't long enough, a piece of string can be used and marked with a sharpie then measured with a regular tape measure or ruler.



3. Take a picture of the tree (optional). Feel free to include yourself, your child, dog, cat or other object to show the scale of the tree.
4. If you have a phone with GPS and want to share coordinates, that would be great to have too. Otherwise you should record how to relocate the tree.
5. Email your entries with species, circumference, location and any other interesting information to: underhillbigtrees@gmail.com OR enter into the online form: <https://forms.gle/ZSJ9PANYAMUnSqs8A>

What to do if: - your tree has multiple trunks below the 4.5 foot measuring height?

- Each trunk is considered a separate tree and must be measured separately.
- your tree has multiple trunks above the 4.5 foot measuring height?
 - Measure the trunk as one tree.

***Any tree in Underhill on public or private land (with landowner permission) is eligible. ***

Native tree species of Vermont can be found at this link: [Trees of Vermont · iNaturalist](#)