




Tree Site 6: White Oak (*Quercus alba*)

		<p>White Oak Characteristics</p> <p>Leaf: Alternately arranged along the twig with several deep lobes ending in smooth, blunt ends with a dark green upper surface and paler underside.</p> <p>Bark: Pale gray with a reddish tinge and narrow, scaly ridges broken into rectangular sections.</p> <p>Flowers and fruit: Male flowers are clustered on long, drooping stalks and are yellowish-green in colour. Female flowers are reddish spikes in the leaf axils. Fruit is an acorn: a nut nestled into a cup shaped, thick-scaled saucer.</p> <p>Habitat: Grows in a variety of soils in interior forests, forest gaps, edges and fencerows</p> <p>Looks like: Red Oak (except leaves have rounded lobes; Red Oak leaves have pointed lobes).</p>
<p>Estimated Age: 157 years Diameter: 80 cm Lifespan: 600 years</p>	 <p>Associated species: Red Oak, hickories, Black Cherry, White Ash, White Pine, Wintergreen, Starflower.</p>	

How to find this tree on the Bruce Trail:

Bruce Trail Section: Iroquoia

Closest town: Burlington

Bruce Trail Reference Guide: Map 9

Parking Location:	Tree Location:
43.348464, -79.859053	43.3561352, -79.85525711
<p>Park at Kerncliff Park in Burlington. From QEW/ 403: Exit at Brant Street in Burlington and turn north; turn left onto North Service Road, turn right onto Kerns Road, drive up to the top of the escarpment. The park and parking lot will be on your right. NOTE: Access to Kerns Rd. south from Hwy 5 is no longer available.</p>	<p>Past the covered pavilion at the parking area, take the blue-blazed Kerncliff Park Access Trail (which also follows the route of the park's "Woodland Trail") for 230 m. The side trail makes a sharp left and continues through the forest for 250 m, over a footbridge and eventually meets the white-blazed Main Trail. Continue right on the Main Trail for 300 m until it meets the blue-blazed Ian Reid Side Trail. Follow the Ian Reid Side Trail to the right for 300 m, where it will make a sharp turn left. Continue on the side trail for 215 m, passing the junction with the Havendale Boulevard Side Trail, and the tree will be on the left side.</p>
<p>Find 2 trees from here! Tree Site 5 (Red Oak) can be found on the way to this White Oak.</p>	

This tree is on an easement of land managed by The Bruce Trail Conservancy as part of its mission to create a Conservation Corridor along the Niagara Escarpment.

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