The Neighborhood Arboretum

Though many associate Virginia-Highland with shopping, nightlife, and beautiful bungalow homes, the character of the neighborhood would look very different without its trees and visionary residents. Independent newspapers, the formation of Atlanta’s NPU’s, and parks that honor activism reflect the rich community involvement and the commitment to the urban forest in this neighborhood.

The Virginia-Highland Neighborhood Arboretum consists of four loops in different sections of the neighborhood. Whichever loop you choose to walk, you will notice a variety of notable trees. Some trees have granite markers at their base so you can learn more about the wonderful trees that help make this neighborhood distinctive. Use the map in this brochure to plan your route. Now be on your way and keep an eye out for the trees that truly stand a little taller than the rest, regardless of their height.

To find out how you can help, call 404-522-4097, or visit www.treesatlanta.org

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Trees beautify our community, clean our air and water, provide habitat for wildlife and create a sense of wonder. Visit Trees Atlanta’s other neighborhood arboretums in their varying stages of growth: Cabbagetown, Reynoldstown, Inman Park, Oakhurst, Sylvan Hills and Midtown.

Which loop do I walk?

The four loops that form the Virginia-Highland Neighborhood Arboretum are designed to highlight the diversity of great trees as well as the diversity of the neighborhood’s character. Each loop originates from John Howell Park, the central greenspace in the Virginia-Highland neighborhood.

Explore the majesty of Orme Park’s beeches, oaks, and tulip poplars while walking the Orme Park Loop.

The Beltline Loop exhibits the intersection of Atlanta’s industrial edge and the trees that line the future transit route that will connect 45 of Atlanta’s neighborhoods.

Some of the most beautiful and tree-friendly residential streets make up the Atkins Park Loop.

The Learning Loop showcases 20 of Atlanta’s most common trees. See how many you recognize on a leisurely stroll down Lanier Boulevard.

You may not realize it, but you are standing in the Virginia-Highland Neighborhood Arboretum.

An arboretum is a living tree museum. The typical arboretum is located in a park or garden where trees can be arranged in themes or by closely related species.

But this isn’t a typical arboretum. For one thing, the trees in this arboretum are the trees of Virginia-Highland; standing strong, stately, and well-cared for, reflecting many years of committed activism and stewardship. For another, people live in the arboretum. This is their arboretum, which these neighbors helped design and continue to maintain.