



Friends of Dragon Run
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The PICNIC TRAIL GUIDE

The Picnic-Circle Trail, as we will call it for now, is a dry, level, wooded circle area overlooking Dragon Run where FODR holds its Annual Picnic in October, and where canoes/kayaks may be launched. As such, it is basically a circle about 100' in diameter, with small wooded islands, where the Pre-Circle Trail, as we will call it for now, comes in from Rt. 610 (Dabney/Piedmont Road) and where the Post-Circle Trail, as we will call it for now, exits to follow the Dragon upstream and eventually dead-ends after about a half-mile. A series of small, black and silver metal signs, identifying plants and tabulated below, is attached to trees along the Picnic-Circle, or, in a few cases, to metal stakes embedded into the ground.

Table 1. "More or Less Sequential" List of Floral Posts on the Left (L) and Right (R) Sides of the Picnic-Circle Trail, Starting where the Pre-Circle Trail Enters the Circle.

1. Southern Red Oak, *Quercus falcata* R
2. Sassafras, *Sassafras albidum* R
3. Swamp White Oak (?), *Quercus bicolor* R
4. Black Cherry, *Prunus serotina* R
5. American Holly, *Ilex opaca* R
6. Bald-cypress, *Taxodium distichum* R
7. American Hornbeam, *Carpinus caroliniana* R
8. Red Maple, *Acer rubrum* R
9. Black Gum, *Nyssa sylvatica* R
10. Deciduous Holly, *Ilex decidua* R
11. Northern Red Oak, *Quercus rubra* R
12. Sourwood, *Oxydendrum arboreum* R
13. Overcup Oak, *Quercus lyrata* R
14. Pale Hickory, *Carya pallida* R
15. Mockernut Hickory, *Carya alba* R
16. Black Oak, *Quercus velutina* R
17. Flowering Dogwood, *Cornus florida* R

18. Sweet Gum, *Liquidambar styraciflua* L

19. Loblolly Pine, *Pinus taeda* L

20. Virginia Pine, *Pinus virginiana* L