

## Frequently Asked Questions for The Last 6000 Campaign September 23, 2019



We have received great questions about The Last 6000 Campaign and wanted to provide a response to the most common ones below.

### **Do I need to know the species of the majestic tree and the exact trunk diameter to submit a tree?**

Knowing the tree species or specific diameter is not required to document a majestic tree. You can just note that it is either Evergreen or Deciduous and that it is 30 inches or larger in diameter at breast height (DBH) per your estimation. The campaign has Tree Librarians that can review the photos and information to further identify the species of the tree.

### **What are all the ways I can submit information on a majestic tree?**

There are several ways to submit majestic tree information for the campaign.

1. We have provided input forms on our website for you to complete. You can take a photo of the tree and close-up of leaves, complete the form, and submit the information directly into the database via the website: [www.thelast6000.org](http://www.thelast6000.org)
2. You can send the photos and information on the majestic tree via email: [thelast6000@gmail.com](mailto:thelast6000@gmail.com)
3. You can input the majestic tree information directly into the database using your smart phone via the website input form noted in #1.
4. You can input the majestic tree information directly into the database using your smart phone via Instagram (@thelast6000).

You can later edit the information you submit by emailing the changes to [thelast6000@gmail.com](mailto:thelast6000@gmail.com). You can also leave a field like "Health" blank if you can't determine that.

### **How do I measure the trunk diameter of a majestic tree?**

You need a string, a felt pen, a tack and a tape measure. At 4.5 feet high, secure one end of the string with the tack. Walk around the tree with the string and mark the string with the felt pen at the point the tack is reached. Measure the string in inches from the beginning to the felt pen mark and divide by pi, using your smart phone. A tree that is 30 inches wide in trunk diameter has a circumference of 95 inches.

### **Some trees have multiple trunks or are on a slope. How do I measure the trunk diameter of these?**

There are certain methodologies that the City of Seattle follows. We have listed some of these on our website. You can also email the campaign for further clarification.

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### **Do you have suggestions for gathering information on majestic trees?**

Remember not to trespass on private property without permission.

You can take a photo of a majestic tree from a public sidewalk or public alley. You can estimate the trunk diameter of a tree by looking at like objects. For example, a typical front or back door is 35 inches wide.

There is information on our website about identifying the most common trees in Seattle.

### **Can I access the database to see where the majestic trees are?**

We haven't made our database public as it has some confidential volunteer data in it. We will be working on reporting and mapping after we complete the collection process. You can certainly send in an address for us to check for you via [thelast6000@gmail.com](mailto:thelast6000@gmail.com) email address if you are concerned about duplicating a majestic tree already entered. Duplication has not been a problem but Tree Librarians will be checking for this just in case.

### **What happens after the collection of the information on majestic trees?**

We will be preparing Executive Reports and mapping information for our majestic trees – both living and felled - for civic organizations, neighborhood groups, and others that want to know the findings on the status of our majestic trees.

### **Does the campaign end on September 30?**

We will be continuing to collect information into the month of October as there has been interest in submitting trees after September 30.

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