



Allegany County's Liberty Tree Trail

Allegany County, the [Mountain Side of Maryland](#), invites visitors to explore by trail, rail and river. Just in time for America's 250th anniversary, Allegany County Tourism has launched the [Liberty Tree Trail](#), a living heritage trail connecting visitors to the roots of the American Revolution.

The Liberty Tree Trail links 15 living Liberty Tree descendants that were planted on public lands across Allegany County. Each tree was grown from seeds collected from a scion of the old Liberty Tree in Annapolis, Maryland, which was the last surviving Liberty Tree of the original 13 colonies. That towering tulip poplar, which stood on the campus of St. John's College in Annapolis, fell in 1999, but its legacy lives on through descendant trees that have been intentionally planted elsewhere.

It's believed that Allegany County has the largest known concentration of living Liberty Tree descendants in the United States, and all are accessible to the public. Visitors can follow this living story at public sites along the C&O Canal Towpath, in Green Ridge State Forest, in community parks, outside libraries and historic sites, and nestled within historic landscapes. All 15 trees are located in places where heritage and outdoor recreation naturally intersect, which is the hallmark of Allegany County's travel experience.

The Liberty Tree Trail offers a flexible, self-guided experience that invites visitors to explore at their own pace while discovering stories tied to America's founding. Interactive maps, interpretive content and trip-planning resources are available online. Visitors can plan their trip [here](#).

The Liberty Tree Trail exists today thanks to the vision, dedication and long-term stewardship of Champ Zumbrun, a forester and Allegany County resident whose leadership helped guide the Liberty Tree Project and ensure this important piece of American history could be preserved and shared with the public.



A young Liberty Tree descendant planted on public land in Allegany County.
Credit: Champ Zumbrun