

# Looking at Trees

## Mitigoog (Ojibwe)

You can figure out what species a tree (mitigoog) is by looking at its leaves, bark, twigs, flowers, fruit, and seeds. Even the shape of a tree can give clues to the tree's identity. What trees can you find at Spearhead?



### Trail Activities

- Bring "A Beginner's Guide to Minnesota Trees" with you on your hike. Use the guide to figure out if a tree is coniferous or deciduous - and which species you are looking at.
- Hike the "Who's Who?" Tree ID Trail Use signs along this trail to compare characteristics of common tree look-alikes. Learn their Ojibwe names.



### Community Science

- Be the one who discovers the biggest tree of each species at Neilson Spearhead Center! Find a tree you think is a champion and use the instruction sheet to measure it. Scan the QR code with your phone and enter your data to see if you found the largest tree so far! Bring along a:
  - ✓ 12" Ruler
  - ✓ 50' Tape measure
  - ✓ "Sizing Up a Minnesota Tree" sheet
  - ✓ "A Beginner's Guide to Minnesota Trees"
  - ✓ Cell phone to log your results
- This activity can be done anywhere at Neilson Spearhead. Good Luck!

