Forest of Giants

Olympic National Park was established in 1938 in part to protect the “finest sample of primeval forests...” The area’s climate and geography nurture forests of ancient, massive trees, some up to 1,000 years old. *American Forests* documents some as champions, the largest specimens in the nation (see: www.americanforests.org/our-programs/bigtrees). Others are near record. Dates indicate latest measurement. To protect these living museums, don’t damage the bark and avoid trampling the soil at their base. See back for scientific names and identification.

Alaska-cedar (2005)
- Circumference: 451 inches
- Height: 126 feet
- Spread: 27 feet
- Total Points: 582
- Location: Quinault, Big Creek trail, east of Three Lakes

Subalpine Fir (2006)
- Circumference: 252 inches
- Height: 130 feet
- Spread: 26 feet
- Total Points: 389
- Area: About 300 ft. east/southeast of Cream Lake

- Circumference: 265 inches
- Height: 156 feet
- Spread: 27 feet
- Total Points: 428
- Location: upper Cameron Creek

Pacific Silver Fir (2011, National Champion)
- Circumference: 216 inches
- Height: 220 feet
- Spread: 38 feet
- Total Points: 446
- Location: Bogachiel Valley (east of Hades Ck.)

Western Redcedar (1999, National Champion)
- Circumference: 761 inches
- Height: 159 feet
- Spread: 45 feet
- Total Points: 931
- Location: Quinault Big Cedar Trail, 2 miles up North Shore Rd.

Sitka Spruce (2007, National Champion)
- Circumference: 668 inches
- Height: 191 feet
- Spread: 96 feet
- Total Points: 883
- Location: Quinault (Olympic Natl. Forest)

Grand Fir (Largest in park)
- Circumference: 229 inches
- Height: 246 feet
- Spread: 43 feet
- Total Points: 486
- Location: Southeast side Duckabush Trail, 1.5 miles inside park, 100 yards past second park stream crossing.

Douglas-fir (coastal subspecies) (1999, Former champion)
- Circumference: 600 inches
- Height: 200 feet
- Spread: 71 feet
- Total Points: 809
- Location: 2.5 miles up Queets Trail then 0.2 miles up side trail to left at Coal Creek

Douglas-fir (coastal subspecies) (1999, Co-Champion)
- Circumference: 505 inches
- Height: 281 feet
- Spread: 71 feet
- Total Points: 804
- Location: Quinault (Olympic Natl. Forest)

Mountain Hemlock (1993, former champ)
- Circumference: 234 inches
- Height: 152 feet
- Spread: 41 feet
- Total Points: 396
- Location: East Fork Quinault, O’Neil Pass Trail

Western Hemlock (2007, National Champion)
- Circumference: 273 inches
- Height: 237 feet
- Spread: 67 feet
- Total Points: 527
- Location: Olympic National Park (Note other former champs are also in Olympic National Park in the Quinault Valley!)
Some of Olympic’s Conifers

Douglas-fir
*Pseudotsuga menziesii*

Sitka Spruce
*Picea sitchensis*

Grand Fir
*Abies grandis*

Western Hemlock
*Tsuga heterophylla*

Western Redcedar
*Thuja plicata*

Pacific Yew
*Taxus brevifolia*

Alaska-cedar*
*Chamaecyparis nootkatensis*

Western White Pine*
*Pinus monticola*

Western White Pine*
*Pinus contorta*

Mountain Hemlock*
*Tsuga mertensiana*

Pacific Silver Fir
*Abies amabilis*

Subalpine Fir*
*Abies lasiocarpa*

Lodgepole Pine*
*Pinus contorta*