

Amazon Neighborhood Walks  
**CONIFERS**  
 2 December 2001

Conifers are the most abundant group of plants within the gymnosperms ("naked seeded" plants), which also include the ginkgo and the subtropical cycads. There are about 65 genera (e.g., spruces, pines, firs) of conifers and more than 700 species worldwide. Their pollen is carried by wind from the pollen-cones to the future seed-cones. Angiosperms ("flowering" plants, including everything from grasses to petunias to oak trees to orchids) are a completely unrelated group of plants, and much more "evolutionarily advanced."

1. coast redwood (Sequoia sempervirens)
2. arbor vitae (Thuja occidentalis)  
 eastern hemlock (Tsuga canadensis)  
 giant sequoia (Sequoiadendron giganteum)
3. Douglas-fir (Pseudotsuga menziesii)  
 by convention, we use a hyphen to show that it is not a "true" fir (genus Abies)
4. Austrian black pine (Pinus nigra)
5. shore pine (Pinus contorta maritima)  
 thread-leaf sawara false-cypress (Chamaecyparis pisifera 'Filifera')
6. western hemlock (Tsuga heterophylla)
7. dwarf Alberta spruce (Picea glauca 'Conica')
8. Italian stone pine or parasol pine (Pinus pinea)
9. junipers (Juniperus species & cultivars)
10. oriental spruce (Picea orientalis)
11. blue Atlas cedar (Cedrus atlantica 'Glauca')

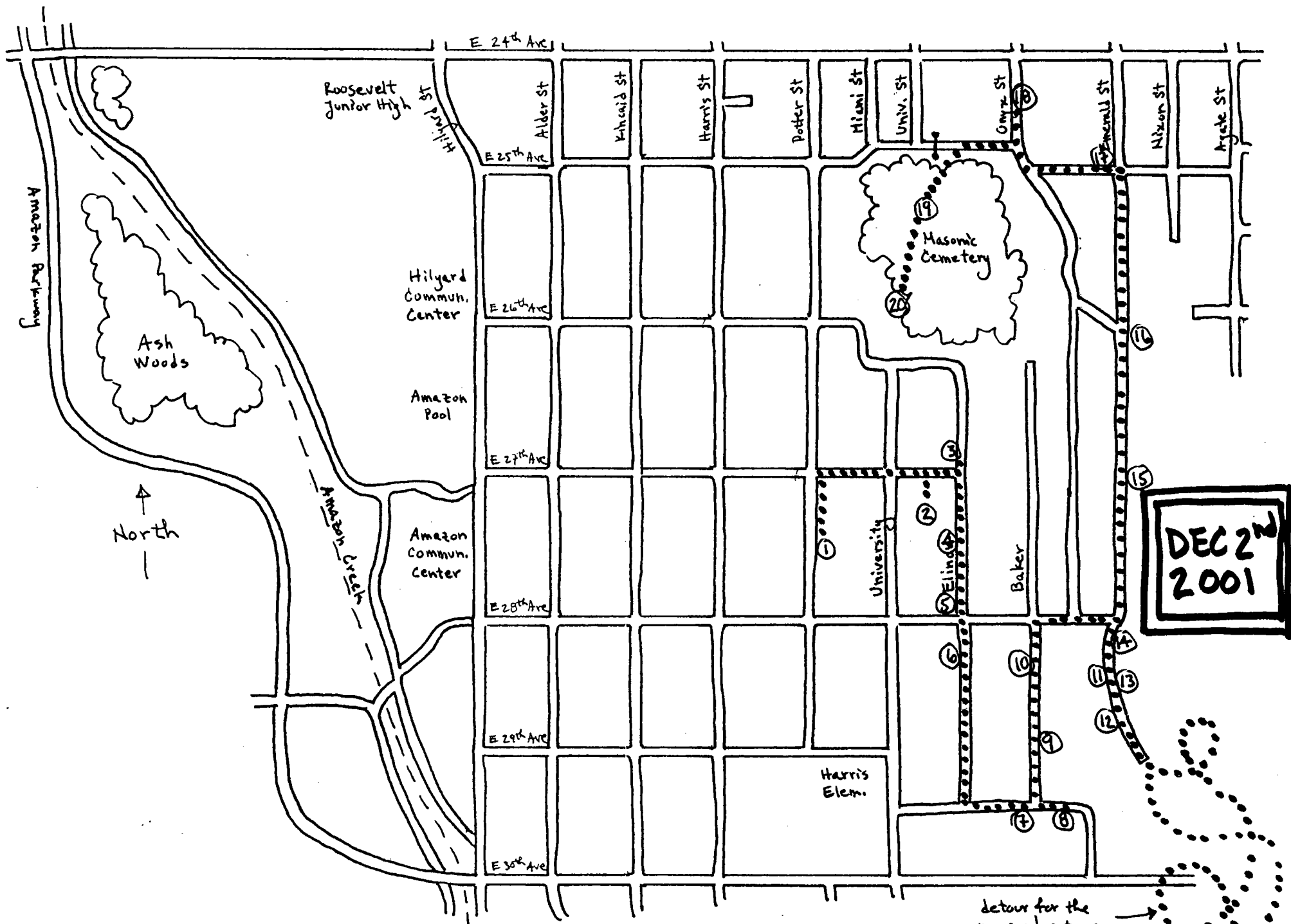
12. Himalayan cedar or "deodar" (Cedrus deodera)
13. blue Colorado spruce (Picea pungens 'Glauca')
14. mugo pine (Pinus mugo mugo)
15. Port-Oxford-cedar (Chamaecyparis lawsoniana)
16. valley ponderosa pine (Pinus ponderosa)
17. dawn-redwood (Metasequoia glyptostroboides)
18. bizarre (but within the range of "normal...")  
 Himalayan cedar  
 incense-cedar (Calocedrus decurrens)  
 Scots pine (Pinus sylvestris)
19. The New Forest of Douglas-firs etc.
20. Irish yew (Taxus baccata 'Fastigiata')

Words of Note

[The days] come and go like muffled  
 and veiled figures sent from a distant  
 friendly party; but they say nothing, and  
 if we do not use the gifts they bring, they  
 carry them as silently away.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson  
 in Society and Solitude  
 (1870)

So, enjoy...!



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Flyer by White One.

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more adventuresome  
among us... →