



# CYPRESS PARK'S GIANT TREES

## THE "ROADSIDE" OR "CYPRESS PARK" YELLOW-CEDAR (*Chamaecyparis nootkatensis*)

**LOCATION:** Next to the Cypress Bowl Road, just before the turn-off to the Hollyburn Ridge cross-country ski area.

**DIAMETER:** 2.28 m [7.5 ft.]

**HEIGHT:** 39.6 m [130 ft.]

One of the largest known yellow cedars in the Pacific Northwest and by far the most easily accessible. The slow taper of its massive trunk makes it the largest tree by volume in Cypress Park. A core sample taken several years ago by Randy Stoltmann showed it to be 1200 years old. Cypress Park takes its name from this tree species, which is also called yellow-cypress.

## THE HOLLYBURN GIANT (YELLOW-CEDAR)

**LOCATION:** On Hollyburn Mountain at the junction of the Connector Trail (from the Baden-Powell Trail) and the Old Strachan Trail.

**DIAMETER:** 3.2 m [10.5 ft.]

**HEIGHT:** 20.7 m [68 ft.] – broken top

The Hollyburn Giant has one of the largest known diameters for its species in BC. Despite its broken top and ancient appearance, the tree is still alive. Yellow-cedars are the longest-lived tree species in BC and are known to approach 2000 years of age.

## THE CABIN LAKE AMABILIS FIR (*Abies amabilis*)

**LOCATION:** On the north side of Black Mountain, below Cabin Lake.

**DIAMETER:** 2.33 m [7.6 ft.]

**HEIGHT:** 46.9 m [154 ft.]

This amabilis fir is the largest known of its species in the world. Also called Pacific Silver Fir (for the silver lines on the underside of its needles), this species can live to 750 years.

## THE HOLLYBURN MOUNTAIN HEMLOCK (*Tsuga mertensiana*)

**LOCATION:** Several metres upslope from the Hollyburn Giant.

**DIAMETER:** 1.9 m [6.25 ft.]

**HEIGHT:** 44.5 m [146 ft.]

This mountain hemlock on the west side of Hollyburn Mountain has the largest known diameter for this species in Canada. Mountain hemlocks can live over 1000 years.

## CYPRESS PARK'S WESTERN HEMLOCKS (*Tsuga heterophylla*)

Although no record-sized western hemlocks have been found at Cypress, the park has several very large specimens, including the grove along the Yew Lake Old-Growth Loop. The largest of these trees is 1.8 m [5.8 ft.] in diameter and is 40.3 m [132 ft.] tall. Western hemlocks can live over 1200 years. Although these trees grow at sea level, the largest specimens are usually found in cool, moist higher elevation forests.

*For more info.: BC Register of Big Trees at <http://srmwww.gov.bc.ca/cdc/register.htm>*



Roadside Yellow Cedar