

# America's State Tree Woodland Walk

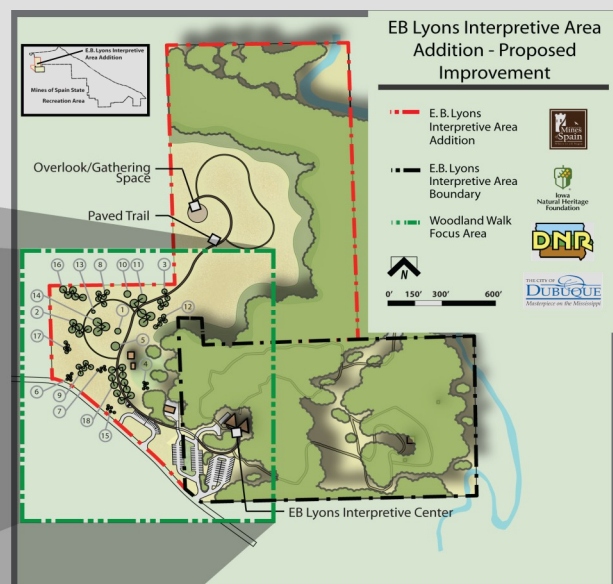
## Dubuque, Iowa

Celebrating trees is an American tradition. Each of the 50 states has designated an official state tree "through legislative action." Texas was the first state with their selection of the pecan tree in 1919 and Kentucky was the most recent with tulip poplar tree in 2012.

The creation of America's State Tree Woodland Walk is proposed to be planted in September 2013 as part of a large annual conference of the National Association of State Park Directors (NASPD). Iowa's climate will allow tree plantings that represent state trees from 46 states and showcase the best of the hardiest, disease-resistant trees species. All 50 states will be included! The Woodland Walk will feature 18 table-top educational panels highlighting the state tree species from all 50 states along with their similarities, differences (seed, flower, color), habitat preference, recommended planting tips, and disease issues to consider.

Planning for the Woodland Walk has been a collaborative effort between professional foresters and landscape architects. An interpretive consultant is developing the educational messages and professional fabrication of table-top and kiosk panels.

The creation and planting of the Woodland Walk will be an event in and of itself; with the national state park directors planting their state trees, installing the educational panels and constructing a four-sided interpretive kiosk. Regional press will be in attendance.



### Highlights of America's State Tree Woodland Walk

- The gift of four seasons will be celebrated with bold spring flowers of redbuds, flowering dogwood and magnolia; summer splash of the tulip poplar, buckeye and pecan; fiery fall color of sugar maple as well as the muted hues of oaks; and a winter study of greens from firs, pines, hemlock, and spruce.
- A paved accessible walkway will wind through the tree plantings and include an American elm "cathedral" with signage that describes the history of the elm, teach about the devastation of Dutch elm disease, as well as the new disease-resistant options that are recommended for planting today.

# Woodland Walk Cost Estimates

	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
Trees wholesale 2" or 8' larger	85	\$140.00	\$12,000.00
Mulch bag for top dress	100	\$3.50	\$350.00
Deer enclosure posts 3/tree	255	\$15.00	\$3,825.00
Snow fence - green, 4' x 100' rolls - 10'/tree	40	\$40.00	\$360.00
4-sided interpretive kiosk at trailhead	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Interpretive panel consultant, design & fabrication	20	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$86,530.00</b>

We welcome sponsors and donations for the Woodland Walk. Major donors will be recognized during the event in September and on interpretation panels. Interested donors and sponsors may contact [Kevin Szcodronski](#), State Parks Bureau Chief, Iowa DNR at (515) 281-8674.

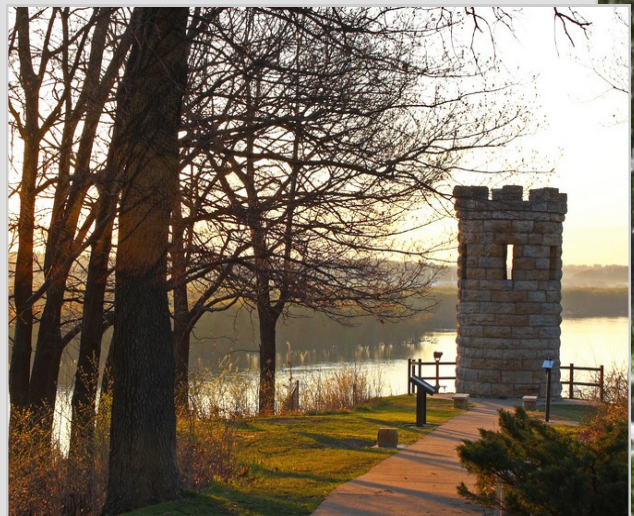


4-sided Interpretive Kiosk

*Trees make us healthier! Trees reduce stress and improve mental and physical health and reduce symptoms of ADHD and childhood obesity in encouraging physical activity and creative play. Forest walking improves the immune response, reduces depression, and lowers glucose levels in diabetics.*

## EB Lyons Interpretive Center and Mines of Spain State Recreation Area

The Woodland Walk is part of a larger development of the recent 52 acre addition to EB Lyons Interpretive Center which will include expanded nature study opportunities, a 1/2 mile accessible paved trail, picnic shelter, restroom, youth group camp area, overlook classroom and additional parking for the Interpretive Center, estimated at \$405,000. The construction development of the trail facilities is planned for summer/fall 2013. This is immediately adjacent to the 1,387 acre Mines of Spain State Recreation Area, a National Historic Landmark, 3 miles of Mississippi shoreline; 252 archaeological sites; history of various lead mining methods; and home to 468 plant species, 37+ animal species, and 213+ bird species.



Julien Dubuque Monument, Mines of Spain Rec. Area