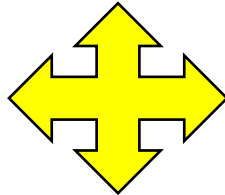


# Girl Scouts Big Tree Finder Instructions

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1. Find a new big tree
2. If you are not the owner of the tree, you will have to request permission from the big tree owner to measure the tree and photograph it. You will also need them to complete a right of access agreement form allowing the New Jersey Forest Service all necessary permissions as well. You can find the right of access form by going to [www.forestry.nj.gov](http://www.forestry.nj.gov) then clicking on big tree. Then click on nominate to find the big tree finder nomination form.
3. Nominate it using the big tree finder nomination form. Go to [www.forestry.nj.gov](http://www.forestry.nj.gov)
4. Measure the circumference (feet and inches), height in feet, and average crown in feet. The average crown is measured by going from dripline to dripline of the big tree then measuring again perpendicular to the line you just measured then averaging the two measurements. Below is an example of how to measure average crown.



5. Another option is to find an existing big tree on the state registry and determine its current measurements and tally on the big tree finder form. The more accurate you can be the better.
6. Finally, submit your completed nomination form to [joseph.bennett@dep.nj.gov](mailto:joseph.bennett@dep.nj.gov) and you will be awarded your big tree finder patch.
7. Make sure your correct name and mailing address are included so your patch can be mailed to you properly.

