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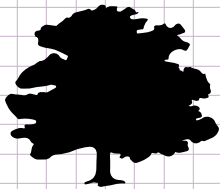
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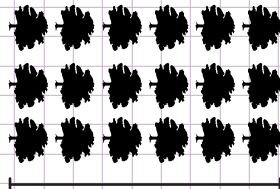
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Facts and figures about Furman

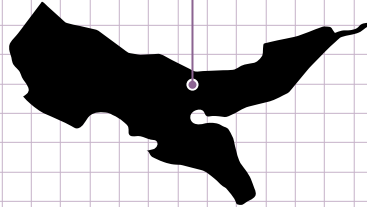
**835**  
Campus acreage



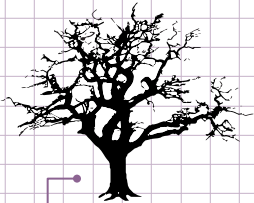
**500**  
Combined acreage of Furman turf and trees



**43**  
Furman lake acreage



**850**  
Number of inventoried trees at the core of campus as of 2008



**10.5**  
Miles 850 oak trees will span if laid end to end

**1958**  
Year oak trees on mall were planted

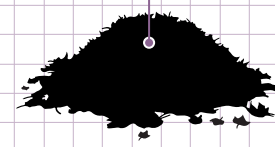
**200,000**  
Number of leaves on a mature, healthy oak



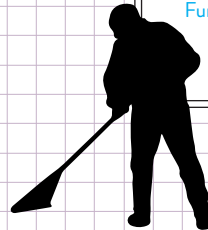
**60**  
Life expectancy of mall oaks

**3,000**  
Cubic yards of wood chips generated by Furman and sent to landscapers for mulch

**3,600**  
Pounds of leaves an oak tree would grow and shed over its 60-year lifespan



**25**  
Number of year-round Furman staff members who care for the campus's grounds



## Postings from the Inter-webs

Where was “sanctuary” for you at Furman?



**JAMES SCOTT MARLER:**  
*I could write an article on this! Top center study carrel with the bay window, north side of the library. Top corner seat of McAlister’s balcony in the daytime when it’s dark.*

**NICHOLE CARTEE:**  
*Furman Farm. Getting my hands dirty for a good cause takes me to my happy place.*

**MAJORPARNELLS:**  
*Barefoot, center of the labyrinth*

**KALEIGHINMEMPHIS:**  
*When walking around the lake as a student, I stumbled upon the little path that led to a quiet clearing in the trees, a bench, and a rock engraved “Be Still and Know that I Am God.” It felt like holy ground to me.*

**SISTERBETSY:**  
*The English department*

**LOUIS\_MCMXCIV:**  
*The computational physics lab*

**LADY\_ARWEN241:**  
*Children’s section in the library. Best kept secret.*

The aesthetics of Furman’s campus are well known—both *Forbes* and *Travel + Leisure* have named it among “America’s Most Beautiful College Campuses”—and much of that reputation has to do with its trees. The Arbor Day Foundation has given Furman its Tree Campus USA seal of approval. Even more striking, in 2013, the university was designated an arboretum by

the Morton Register of Arboreta, which recognized Furman’s efforts in tree conservation, species diversity, as well as in educational resources and events focused on landscapes and trees. Over the next eight to 12 years, Furman aims to replace its stately mall oaks, whose life expectancy is nearing completion, with oaks that have a life expectancy of 250 years. **F**