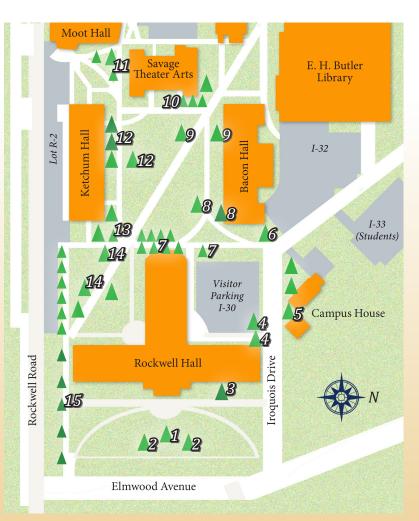
## Short Tour of the MGH Arboretum #1 ROCKWELL HALL

The Buffalo State campus occupies 115 acres near the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, the Buffalo History Museum, and Delaware Park. The campus is also home to the Burchfield Penney Art Center. You can see many trees in the short tour outlined here, but you are invited to enjoy the entire arboretum any time.

- 1. A large **English Oak** Quercus Robar stands in the juniper bed on the Horseshoe immediately in front of *Rockwell Hall*, the campus's signature structure and one of the five original buildings on campus.
- 2. Two **Christine Buisman Hybrid Elms** were planted along Elmwood Avenue near the bike path as partial replacement of some of the trees lost to Dutch elm disease.
- 3. The arboretum's *dedication plaque* honoring Maud Gordon Holmes is located in front of Rockwell Hall toward the north end.
- As you walk around the north end of Rockwell, you will pass a Linden on your left in front of a short wall. Behind the short wall is a small Blackgum (also known as a Tupelo).
- *Campus House*, another original building that once served as the president's residence, is located to your right across Iroquois Drive. The stately **American Elm** on its eastern lawn is one of the treasures of the arboretum.
- 6. Continue your walk west toward *Bacon Hall* (another original building), at whose corner you will see a small **Sassafras**.
- 7. As you turn left toward the rear of Rockwell, several **Japanese Zelkova** shade the walkway: a single larger specimen to your left and a double row ahead.
- 8. *Horace Mann Quad* was once known as Rockwell Quad or the "old quad" because the buildings surrounding it—Rockwell, Ketchum, Savage Theater Arts, and Bacon—are also original buildings dating back to 1931 when Buffalo State moved to this location. A **Red Maple** dedicated to former president Paul Bulger is located near the northeast corner of the quad, along with a beautiful **Concolor Fir** (also known as **White Fir).**





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- 9. As you walk west toward the end of Bacon Hall, you will see a large **Douglasfir** to your right. At your left is a **Schwedler Maple**.
- As you proceed south past Savage, you will see the statue dedicated to Dr. Horace Mann in 2015. The tree-like sculpture resembles hands reaching skyward for learning.
- 11. In the southwest corner of the old quad, turn briefly west toward *Moot Hall*. A small grove of **Littleleaf Lindens** is located between *Ketchum Hall* and Moot Hall. This grove includes a linden tree rededicated in honor of the one planted by Lady Bird Johnson, former first lady of the United States. During a goodwill tour to help beautify America in 1965, Mrs. Johnson was made an honorary Buffalo State professor.
- 12. Turn back east toward Rockwell Hall. As you walk past Ketchum, there are three small **Cherry** trees on the right, two of which are dedicated to Maud Gordon Holmes and Edna Lindemann, 1960s proponents of the arboretum. On the left is an **American Sycamore** dedicated to President Paul Bulger, as well as a **Sugar Maple**.
- 13. Further along Ketchum on the left you'll see a Cornelian Cherry that is lovely in spring. A large Common Horsechestnut grows close to Ketchum; this tree was dedicated in 1967 to the officers of the Maud Gordon Holmes Arboretum. At the corner of Ketchum, a graceful Mulberry arches away from the building.
- 14. Three **Dawn Redwoods** east of Ketchum Hall are considered to be living fossils. This species grew in North America when dinosaurs still roamed. Scientists believed dawn redwoods were extinct until an isolated grove was found in China in 1948. The dawn redwood is one of the few deciduous conifers. As you turn back east you see a **Shagbark Hickory**.
- 15. The stately **Honeylocust** planting along Rockwell Road near Elmwood Avenue is called President's Row. These trees honor the women and men who have served as presidents of Buffalo State.



The forests of our world have been part of human culture, science, economy, and art since the dawn of history. Trees have always evoked wonder, provided peace, and stirred appreciation of the natural world around us.

The arboretum at Buffalo State was formally dedicated in 1962 with the ceremonial planting of a scotch elm in honor of Maud Gordon Holmes, founder of the Garden Center Institute of Buffalo. Since then, the arboretum has grown from approximately 300 trees to more than 1,400 trees today.

Because the objective of an arboretum is to grow trees and shrubs for scientific and educational purposes, the Maud Gordon Holmes Arboretum contains more than 100 needle- and leaf-bearing varieties of woody plants including many ornamentals. The campus displays greenery year-round while marking the seasons with fragrant blossoms, shade-giving trees and luminous autumn colors.

The Friends of the Maud Gordon Holmes Arboretum is a group of concerned individuals who advocate for support to help maintain and restore this urban treasure. To join the Friends or to make a tax-deductible donation, please visit our website www.mgharboretum.com/. Please contact Dr. Susan McCartney MCCARTSA@buffalostate.edu, (716) 878-4030.

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#### **REST ROOMS** Public rest rooms

are located in most buildings, including E. H. Butler Library and Campbell Student Union.

#### **REFRESHMENTS** Visit Argo

Tea (Butler Library), Barnes and Noble Starbucks Café, or the Retail Food Court in Campbell Student Union.



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