

## Blanks Provided for Tree Identification by Interpretive Marker

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**FACT:** The Persimmon Hill recreation area was named for the local Persimmon Hill Missionary Baptist Church, not the native tree species common to this area.

**FACT:** The Persimmon Hill trail area is home to a diverse population of wildlife and plant species.

**FACT:** There is a stand of Persimmon trees at the entrance to this recreation area that were planted several years ago by a volunteer.

The Corps of Engineers at Enid Lake would like to thank you for taking the time to walk this trail and test your knowledge in tree identification. To check your answers on the selected trees, there is an interpretive sign at the end of the trail with the correctly numbered and named tree species. There are a few things to watch out for while walking outdoors. One thing to watch for is poisonous plants, such as poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac, which can cause irritating rashes and swelling. Poison ivy, which has a three leaf cluster, is the most common in this area. Briars and thorn bushes should be avoided to prevent injuries. Watch your step while walking to avoid stepping into holes or on a snake! The two most common venomous snakes in this area are the cottonmouth and the copperhead. Also, keep in mind that while skunks and other woodland creatures may look cute and cuddly, messing with them may have unpleasant consequences.



Skunk



Cottonmouth



Copperhead



A common rhyme to distinguish between poison ivy and the similar looking, non-poisonous virginia creeper is: Leaves of 3 let it be, leaves of 5 stay alive.

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

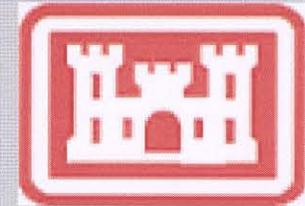
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## PERSIMMON HILL TREE IDENTIFICATION GUIDE



There are 20 numbered markers throughout the trail which mark a tree or vine species common to this area. Take this brochure and see how many trees you can name. Fill your answers in on the blanks provided in this brochure.

Hint: Interpretive markers 4 and 8 are for vines, but the rest of the markers are for trees.

