

TREES, SHRUBS & VINES

Although the lands of Mammoth Cave National Park were once largely cultivated fields and pastures, the 50 years since the parks' creation have given the forests a chance to recover and thrive. Now forests in various stages of succession support numerous species of trees, shrubs and vines. Here's a checklist.

TREES

- White pine *Pinus strobus*
- Virginia pine *Pinus virginiana*
- Hemlock *Tsuga canadensis*
- Red cedar *Juniperus virginiana*
- Black willow *Salix nigra*
- White poplar *Populus alba*
- Cottonwood *Populus deltoides*
- Butternut *Juglans cinerea*
- Pecan *Carya illinoensis*
- Shagbark hickory *Carya ovata*
- Pignut hickory *Carya glabra*
- Mockernut hickory *Carya tomentosa*
- Hop hornbeam *Ostrya virginiana*
- American beech *Fagus americanus*
- Yellow birch *Betula alleghaniensis*
- River birch *Betula nigra*
- Beech *Fagus grandifolia*
- Chestnut *Castanea dentata*
- White oak *Quercus alba*
- Post oak *Quercus stellata*
- Chestnut oak *Quercus prinus*
- Chinquapin oak *Quercus muehlenbergii*
- Red oak *Quercus rubra*
- Southern red oak *Quercus falcata*
- Black oak *Quercus velutina*
- Shingle oak *Quercus imbricaria*
- Scarlet oak *Quercus coccinea*
- Pin oak *Quercus palustris*
- Blackjack oak *Quercus marilandica*
- Black ash *Fraxinus nigra*
- White ash *Fraxinus americana*
- Blue ash *Fraxinus quadrangulata*
- Osage orange *Maclura pomifera*
- Cucumber magnolia *Magnolia acuminata*
- Umbrella tree *Magnolia tripetala*
- Great-leaved magnolia *Magnolia macrophylla*
- Tulip poplar *Liriodendron tulipifera*
- Pawpaw *Asimina triloba*
- Sassafras *Sassafras albidum*
- Sweet gum *Liquidambar styraciflua*
- Black gum *Nyssa sylvatica*
- Sycamore *Platanus occidentalis*
- Serviceberry *Amelanchier sp.*
- Hawthorne *Crataegus sp.*
- Black cherry *Prunus serotina*
- Wild plum *Prunus americana*
- Honey locust *Gleditsia triacanthos*
- Kentucky coffee tree *Gymnocladus dioicus*
- Red bud *Cercis canadensis*
- Black locust *Robinia pseudoacacia*
- Ailanthus *Ailanthus altissima*
- American holly *Ilex opaca*
- Sugar maple *Acer saccharum*
- Red maple *Acer rubrum*
- Black maple *Acer nigrum*
- Box elder *Acer negundo*
- Ohio buckeye *Aesculus glabra*
- Carolina buckthorn *Rhamnus caroliniana*
- Basswood *Tilia americana*
- Flowering dogwood *Cornus florida*
- Alternate-leaved dogwood *Cornus alternifolia*
- Sourwood *Oxydendrum arboreum*
- Persimmon *Diospyros virginiana*
- Red mulberry *Morus rubra*
- Black haw *Viburnum prunifolium*



SHRUBS

- Blackberry *Rubus alleghensis*
- Red raspberry *Rubus idaeus*
- Dewberry *Rubus flagellaris*
- Low blueberry *Vaccinium sp.*
- High blueberry *Vaccinium corymbosum*
- Multiflora rose *Rosa multiflora*
- Swamp rose *Rosa palustris*
- Huckleberry *Gaylussacia sp.*
- Common buckthorn *Rhamnus cathartica*
- Bristly locust (Locust-Rose) *Robinia hispida*
- Spice bush *Lindera benzoin*
- Mountain laurel *Kalmia latifolia*
- Wahoo (Burning bush) *Euonymus atropurpureus*
- Dwarf sumac (Black sumac) *Rhus copallina*
- Smooth sumac *Rhus glabra*
- Hercules club (Ruby elder) *Aralia spinosa*
- White sumac (Staghorn sumac) *Rhus typhina*
- Prickly ash *Xanthoxylum americanum*
- Hazelnut *Corylus americana*
- Witch hazel *Hamamelis virginiana*
- Winterberry holly *Ilex verticillata*
- Buttonbush *Cephalanthus occidentalis*
- Wild hydrangea *Hydrangea arborescens*
- Coralberry *Symphoricarpos obiculatus*
- Edible elderberry *Sambucus canadensis*
- Bladdernut *Staphylea trifolia*
- American strawberrybush *Euonymus americanus*
- False indigo *Amorpha fruticosa*
- Leatherwood *Dirca palustris*
- Panicked dogwood *Cornus racemosa*

VINES

- Virginia Creeper *Parthenocissus quinquefolia*
- Grape *Vitis sp.*
- Poison ivy *Rhus radicans*
- Green briar *Smilax sp.*
- Japanese honeysuckle *Lonicera japonica*