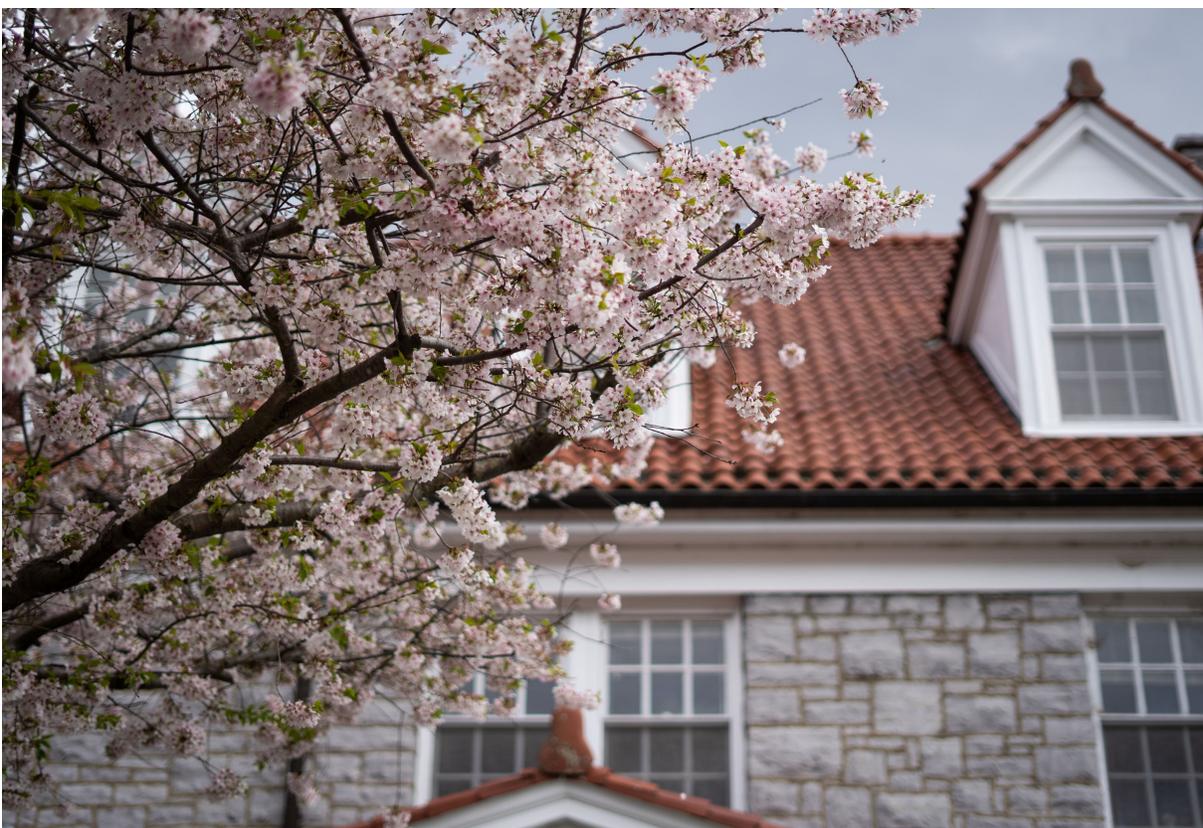


DUKES 4 TREES

2022 / April 8 / Walk 1



TOP - A flowering cherry tree on the Bluestone area of campus. (JMU Office of Content Marketing)

BOTTOM RIGHT - A walking bridge on a trail at the EJC Arboretum. (JMU Office of Content Marketing)

Our Hope

Is to get to know each other, learn from each other and explore all the beautiful trees in each season spread throughout the JMU campus.

Tree walks will occur the second Friday of each month. Additional walks may occur depending on the season. Feel free to propose your own tree walk on campus for us to do!



TREES AT THE ARBORETUM

Did you know?

The Edith J. Carrier Arboretum is a woodland sanctuary that covers 125 acres, and 3.5 miles of hiking trails. The arboretum's website has an online trail and garden map, information on upcoming workshops and events and their much anticipated spring and fall plant sales and ways to get involved with their vision to inspire outdoor engagement. A great resource on their website is a page that shares what flowering plants you may find blooming each month. Scan the below QR code to visit this page.



What's in
Bloom at EJC



Bloom of a Star magnolia tree. (EJC Arboretum)

Oak-Hickory Forest

Of the 125 acres in the arboretum, 92 acres are an Oak-Hickory dominant forest. Oaks are the main over-story tree in the canopy, with hickories scattered throughout. Oak types you will see in the arboretum include: White oak, Northern red oak, Black oak, and Chestnut oak, along with some hickory trees, like Mockernut and Pignut. Some of these oaks and hickories can be identified by looking at their bark.



Bark of a Red oak and White oak tree (VDOF).

Oaks and hickories have what are called, "masting years". These are the years the tree produces an abundant nut crop. In a masting year you may walk under an oak tree and feel like your walking on a floor strewn with marbles or legos (whichever one relates to you)! A plethora of native wildlife feast on the nuts of these trees, they include White-tailed deer, many species of rodents (Gray squirrels, White-footed mouse, etc.), many bird species (Bluejays, Nuthatches, turkeys), Gray fox, and Black bears, to name a few. You may even see some of these animals within the arboretum's woodland trails!