

Guess the Age of the Oak

The Landscape Advisory Commission (LAC), with funding from Openlands, sponsored a contest where people guessed the age of a particular oak tree in Guthrie Park. Scientists from The Morton Arboretum performed an analysis on the tree to help pinpoint its age within a few years. The range of ages submitted by participants was from 64 to 337 years old. Following the contest, there was a lecture and reveal at held at the Riverside Public Library. The tree was actually 176 years old and began growing in Guthrie Park in 1843.

