

SHAGBARK HICKORY

Looks as if it's covered in peeling shingles of bark

BY THE BARK

Even after the leaves are gone you can still identify the trees you pass along the trails. Bare trees have many tricks up their branches, and bark is one of them.



BLACK WALNUT

Dark gray to black bark with box-shaped ridges and furrows



MUSCLEWOOD

Bark with blueish-green hue and smooth ridges that resemble a flexed muscle



WHITE OAK

Gray to whitish bark with random furrows; "smooth patch" fungus creates noticeable splotchy patches



RED OAK

Almost black bark with long furrows that extend all along the trunk like runs on a ski slope



HACKBERRY

Sizable but random bumpy "knobs" on bark that turn rough and scaly



RIVER BIRCH

Brownish to reddish-brown bark that looks shredded or curled

