

♣. Arnold Arboretum

found near the HEMLOCK HILL

On the cryptic tree (a willow, my namesake) below, each branch clue leads to a seven-letter answer: the first three letters of the answer will feed the left branch of the tree, the last three letters will feed the right branch of the tree. Numbers indicate which letter of the previous branch fill that square (i.e., the 1 in clue #29 is the first letter of the left branch of #31).

All branches eventually leads to two leaves. Four-letter leaf answers consist of the three letters fed to it, plus one additional letter. Two answers are non-MW, including a trademark.

Leaves

- 2+ 1. Yak or lion, for one, devours jerk
3. Seed of a pine tree evolved once
4. Resistance eliminated in overwhelming defeat
5. One of two ingredients in British Alfa-bits
6. Father beginning to show anger
7. Cut up headless parasitic insects
8. Marshes, if they were in a river in Scotland, would provide protection
9. Ample exhibition
10. Where you might find beef: in back of delicatessen behind tavern
11. Proposal to capture real animal found in trees
12. Illiteracy shows how advertisers spell "having few calories"
13. Movie director Frank drops central character in *Face of Argentina* (not MW)
14. Peasant's mostly impudent uprising
15. Listen to docks near banks in islands
16. Put inside note

Branches

17. "Coach, it's bizarre and disorganized"
18. Continued our outline
19. Female changes missteps
20. In oral report, compares several thallophytic plants
21. Barfier mess on grate (2 wds)
22. Blister-creating type of grass
23. Restaurants carrying mostly red bottles of wine
24. Reward for traveling to Kentucky? Smile about it
25. A well-known singer on an underground river
26. Delicate shred of clothing in drawer
27. Undercooked piece of food's something often served on toast or crackers
28. Go quickly, getting smelly indeed
29. Hearty one carries amount of wood to Alabama
30. Insect under cheese for a short time
31. Explain how tree comes up in ground