BEAT A PATH – ALL THE TREES

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#6412
Douglas Fir
Pseudotsuga menziesii
Pathway leading towards the marsh
49 16′ 19″ N, -123 11′ 52″ W

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EMAIL TO TREE #6412

Hello tree,

What do eat?
Can you sing?
Do you wear sweaters?
Do you wear hair?
Do wear a branch?
Are you a sap tree?
Are you a boy or girl?
Can you ask us some questions?
Thank you

— ANONYMOUS

RESPONSE FROM TREE #6412

I like to eat the sunshine!
My song is the wind blowing through my boughs.
I don't shed my needles in the winter, so they are like a sweater that keeps me warm.
My branches are a part of me, just like your arms are a part of you.
I have sap. Lots of sticky sap. I've heard that sometimes people like to chew my sap like gum.
I'm neither a boy or a girl.

How do you stay warm?
How often do you need to eat and sleep?
How long can you stand in the same place?
Do you have a favourite song?

Thank you for sending your questions!
Holly Schmidt on behalf of Douglas Fir