

PHOTO BY NIGEL LAING

#6401
Western Hemlock
*Tsuga heterophylla*
Entrance to Jericho Park across from Jericho Garrison
49 16′ 9″ N, -123 11′ 42″ W

# BEAT A PATH – ALL THE TREES

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**EMAIL TO TREE #6401**

Happy Saturday tree!

**— ANONYMOUS**

**RESPONSE FROM TREE #6401**

Happy Saturday!

I'm not sure what brought you to this particular path in Jericho Park, but I'm pleased that you sent me a message. I tend to lean away from the path, hoping not to be noticed, but secretly I appreciate the occasional glance. As a Western Hemlock, people often mistake me for the poisonous plant that was used to kill Socrates. I'm not at all related to that plant, but the confusion helps me to keep to myself in this darker section of the park. I like the shady side of things and prefer to grow under larger trees.

Thanks for writing. Hope you're enjoying the fall sunshine!

Best,
Holly Schmidt on behalf of Western Hemlock

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