

The R.V. Short Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), standing tall in the neighborhood park at the Park at Merryfield predates European settlement of the Willamette Valley. It is located on land that was part of the R.V. Short Donation Land Claim belonging to Robert Valentine Short. The Short Family sold their homestead to Marion Calvin Young in the 1880s and it remained in the Young/Lehan families until it became part of the Park at Merryfield neighborhood park. The tree sits high atop a hill in the neighborhood and is a true sentinel of the community, taller than anything else in the area. The tree is accessible from a public pathway in the park.

Although a large section of the top of the tree was lost in the 1962 Columbus Day storm, it remains the tallest feature in the area. The City of Wilsonville has installed two lightning rods to help protect the tree from lightning strikes, and regularly prunes it for deadwood to reduce wind resistance. The tree's trunk is gradually engulfing a variety of cables and fence materials from early farm operations, including a large gate post on its north side.

Height – 116'

Crown Spread – 67'

Diameter at Breast Height – 59"

Circumference – 15' 9"



