

# The General Sherman Tree

This tree is not the tallest or the widest, but the overall volume of its trunk makes it the biggest tree on Earth.

## SEQUIOA WORLD RECORDS

	Volume	Weight	Width	Height	Age
General Sherman	X	X			
General Grant			X		
unnamed sequoias				X	X
	52,500 cubic feet (1,487 cubic meters)	1,385 tons (1,256 metric tons)	103 feet (31 meters)	311 feet (95 meters)	3,200 years

**HEIGHT**  
275 feet tall

## BIGGEST DOES NOT MEAN OLDEST

The General Sherman Tree is about 1,000 years younger than the oldest-known sequoia. How can this be?

Location, location, location! Where growing conditions are best, sequoias grow faster. They outgrow older trees rooted in less prime locations.

The life-sized photograph below shows the cross section of a sequoia that hung on to life in a poor location—for 100 years! Clearly, the Sherman Tree grows in an ideal spot.

## STUNTED 100-YEAR OLD SEQUIOA



**VOLUME**  
52,500 cubic feet  
(1,487 cubic meters)

**Just How Much Is That?**  
If the Sherman Tree's trunk could be filled with **water** it would provide enough water for **9,844 baths**. That's one bath every day for **27 years**.

**It's a Matter of Perspective**  
Looking up at the General Sherman Tree for a **six-foot-tall human** is about the equivalent of a **mouse** looking up at the six-foot-tall human.

**AGE**  
2,200 years old

**WEIGHT 1,385 tons (1,256 metric tons)**  
**CIRCUMFERENCE 103 feet (31 meters)**

