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BUTTERNUT TREE

For Butter or Worse

Notice the large tree behind the post. The broad flat, pale gray ridges and the narrow, dark criss-cross furrows of this tree's bark identify it as a butternut tree. Also known as white walnut, this tree produces oblong, sticky nuts which are edible. Colonists prepared a yellow-brown stain by boiling half-ripe nuts and Indians boiled ripe nuts to obtain an oil that they used as butter. Uses such as these show that there may be more to a tree than meets the eye.



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