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James Madison University was established in 1908 as the State Normal and Industrial School for Women at Harrisonburg and began with a faculty of 15 and an enrollment of 209 students. Today with a faculty of over 1400 and a student body exceeding 13000, JMU has become a major component of the higher educational system in Virginia.

The JMU campus contains a total of 472 acres, including 31 acres at the University Farm about nine miles from campus. Buildings on the western portion of the campus - front campus - are constructed of blue limestone which was originally quarried on the campus itself.

The front campus hosts some of the original trees including a magnificent American Elm near Wampler & South Main. See also the collection at the original campus entrance (Grace & South Main) which includes Osage Orange, American Basswood, European Larch and Goldenrain trees.

Over nearly a century of growth, the JMU campus has come under the careful stewardship of its landscape architects, planters and grounds keepers. The results are impressive: the campus itself has become an arboretum with over 70 species of trees represented. Allow these maps to bring you closer to the trees.