Legends of The Wishing Tree



As long as trees have existed & people have been around to witness their grace, they have inspired stories of wishes granted and dreams come true.

The Celtic tale involves tying a loose knot in a willow branch as one makes a wish. When the wish is fulfilled, the knot is untied and a gift is left to thank the tree.

In some Eastern cultures, a wish may be written on a bright strip of paper and tied to a branch or colorful strings are attached to remind the tree what the wisher desires.

New Zealanders make a wish & leave a gift in the hollow trunk of a 400 year old matai tree that once sheltered a Maori princess and her baby.

In America, lovers meet underneath an ancient oak where they whisper their hopes to be wed before walking away together in silence.

Do trees really have the power to make wishes come true? Maybe so ... but what do the trees wish for?

