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The tree derives its name from the chestnut-like shape of its leaves, notably the wavy edges with 10-16 rounded teeth on each side.

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The acorns can be over an inch long with about a third covered by a deep cup. The cup is characteristically rough or warty. The meat of the nut is the sweetest of acorns, making them the ones to roast.

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The bark is gray becoming thick and deeply furrowed with cork-like ridges. The tree is not the tallest of oaks growing to 80 feet with an irregular branching structure.

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Common on the Appalachian Trail this tree can grow on high rocky and gravely soil, but also thrives in lower, well-drained, soils. The bark of the tree is a major source of tannin.

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