

# Woodland Wonderland

If you go down to the  
woods today...



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**What will you see in your woodland area?**

**What different sounds can you hear?**

**Are there different things that you can smell?**

**What's the weather like today?**

**Useful things to collect:**

Bucket/bowl  
Paper/pens/paint  
Cardboard boxes  
Kitchen/toilet rolls  
Pans/bowls/spoons  
Cotton wool balls  
Paper cups/plates/straws  
Plastic sheet/tray  
Green/brown pieces of material, e.g. blankets/  
duvets/scarves  
Leaves/pebbles/stones/fir cones/acorns/  
conkers/twigs/feathers

**Top tips for adults:**

- Look outside or go for a walk to encourage your child to help you find natural objects that can be used as part of their play.
- Think about songs/rhymes that you know about the outdoors e.g. (Sing to the tune of 'Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush')  
**Let's all play in the woods today, woods today, woods today.**  
**Let's all play in the woods today, we're walking and exploring.**  
**Let's collect the leaves today... Let's hide behind the trees today... Let's all build a den today...**  
(Sing to the tune of 'Row, Row, Row your Boat')  
**Crunch, crunch, crunch the leaves, on the forest floor. Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily, then we'll walk some more. Snap, snap, snap the twigs...Squelch, squelch, squelch the mud.**

**Ideas for your time in the woods:**

- Decorate and label empty boxes and use them as 'nature treasure boxes' to sort and store the different things that you collect.
- Make your own woodland trail to explore. Use leaves as stepping stones, throw and catch fir cones, make a line of twigs to walk along and have a feather race by seeing how far you can blow them!
- Think about how you will move through the woods, e.g. squelching in the mud, jumping over puddles, striding over logs, stomping through the fallen leaves, and reaching to climb trees.
- Try moving like a woodland animal, e.g. roll into a ball like a hedgehog, jump like a rabbit, leap like a frog or fly like a bird.
- Make sounds that you might hear in the woods, e.g. crunching leaves, creaking tree branches, a hooting owl, a croaking frog or tweeting birds.
- Use pieces of fabric to make an inside woodland den. If you have an outside space, you could use things that you have collected to make a den by propping up sticks. You could even make a pretend campfire using fir cones, feathers and twigs.
- Create your own mini woodland or home for a fairy. Use a big tray or plastic sheet and add some twigs, soil, leaves and some home-made woodland animals.
- Hide objects in a shallow tray of dry soil or leaves. Use a spoon or kitchen tongs to find them and talk about what you have found.
- Use leaves, lollypop sticks and pens to make woodland stick puppets. Use your puppets to act out your own story.
- Try some leaf rubbings using crayons or leaf printing with paint.
- Make a woodland pond in a puddle or shallow tray. Try floating and sinking different objects and make leaf boats to carry things in.

**Enjoy your woodland adventure!**



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