

3. Bark Challenge



Examine the bark from different types of trees. Can you see any moss or lichen growing on them? Look amongst the cracks and crevices for mini beasts. Are there any holes that animals may have made? Bark boring insects make tiny holes.



Larger holes may be made by wood peckers looking for insect larvae to eat. Can you find any other animal homes around the roots of the tree?



4. Up in the leaves Challenge

Stand under a tree, have any leaves been nibbled? Look for strange growths on the leaves called galls. Inside the gall an insect grub may be developing.

Find a low branch and place the white piece of material under it. Stand back and ask your adult to give the branch one sharp shake. Look to see what mini beasts fall onto the sheet.

Examine then with your magnifier – but be quick before they fly away!

5. Butterfly and Bee Challenge

Take a slow 5 minute stroll somewhere sunny or with dappled shade. How many butterflies and bees can you spot? Can you identify any?



Purple hairstreak



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