

Forest Excursion

Spruce Bark Beetles & Changing Forests

Place a mark next to each of the plants, animals, and other things you find. Unlike a scavenger hunt, don't try to find everything. Take time to observe each discovery and have fun. Draw and describe what you find on the back, or on any extra paper you would like.

- ___ Needles that feel sharp
- ___ Needles that feel soft
- ___ Dead wood that feels strong
- ___ Dead wood that is falling apart
- ___ A young tree sapling
- ___ A snag (standing dead tree)
- ___ A deadfall (dead tree on the ground)
- ___ Plants growing on a dead log or stump
- ___ New soil forming from an old tree
- ___ A squirrel
- ___ The core of a cone chewed by a squirrel
- ___ A squirrel midden: pile of cone scales
- ___ Beetle tunnels in bark
- ___ Beetle tunnels on a log
- ___ Roots tall enough to trip over
- ___ An exposed root system
- ___ A place where most the trees are dead
- ___ A place where most the trees are alive
- ___ Electrical wires
- ___ A tree cut by humans
- ___ A place where you can see the sky
- ___ A spot shaded by tree branches
- ___ Insects living in the bark of a tree
- ___ Insects living in the leaves of a plant
- ___ A hole left by a woodpecker
- ___ A tree with rough bark
- ___ A tree with smooth bark
- ___ Some hard, crystallized sap
- ___ Some fresh, sticky sap
- ___ A tree that is part dead
- ___ A hollow tree that is still alive
- ___ A tree producing many cones
- ___ A living tree that is blown over
- ___ A hard, tough fungus on a tree
- ___ A soft, fragile fungus on a tree
- ___ A small mushroom
- ___ A large mushroom
- ___ A place with moist, airy soil
- ___ A place with dry, dusty soil
- ___ A place with wet, heavy soil