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Outdoor Games & Activities

Games are a great way to make exercise more appealing. Keep young minds and eyes busy working to learn more about their surroundings. Follow the changes of the seasons, make new friends and turn your walk into an adventure!

Games Include:

- 3 Tree Counting and Identifying Checklist**
- 6 Outdoor Scavenger Hunt**
- 8 Creative Thinking**
- 9 Nature Walk Bingo**

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In this day and age, it's hard to get the family outside when everyone seems to be glued to a phone or computer screen. These outdoor games and activities are a great way to get the kids outside to enjoy nature and learn about their surroundings. Go on a scavenger hunt, learn to identify trees, or play nature bingo. With so many options, it's easy to choose something the whole family will enjoy!

What You Will Need

Hammermill® Premium Multi-Purpose Paper
Highlighter, Pens or Markers
Something Sturdy to Write on for Your Walk
Our Printed Checklist and Game Templates



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How Many Trees on Your Block

The name of the game, "How Many Trees on Your Block?" might seem quite obvious. But the answer is harder than you think! We've come up with a few different versions so that you can keep the game fresh, and to appeal to different ages.

The game you choose can depend on the age and abilities of those taking a walk, and where you live. Make sure to choose a game that matches your surroundings and the attention span of your walkers.

Let's Get Started

1 Basic: Your Side of the Street

When you walk out the front door turn right and walk to the corner. Starting at the corner, count the trees on your side of the street until you reach the far corner at the other end of your street.

2 Basic Plus: Both Sides of the Street

This is the same as the Basic version, but at the far corner, cross the street and walk back to count the trees on both sides of your block.

3 Roundabout

For this one, start counting trees on your side of the street as soon as you leave your home. When you get to the corner, turn right and keep walking and counting. When you get to the far corner of that street, turn right again and keep counting. At the end turn right again and count some more. One more right turn and you're on your way home. Keep counting until you get back to your front door.

4 Level Up

Once you've counted the trees on the route around your block, the next challenge is to try to count how many kinds of trees there are. You may want to look on the internet to see what kinds of trees live in your region to make it easier to tell them apart.

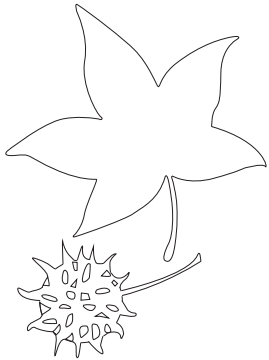
5 Alternates

Some city blocks might only have a tree or two. That makes for a pretty quick game. In urban environments you might need to find a substitute for trees to make the game interesting. You could choose fire hydrants, mailboxes, cars or anything else that will grab the interest of those playing.

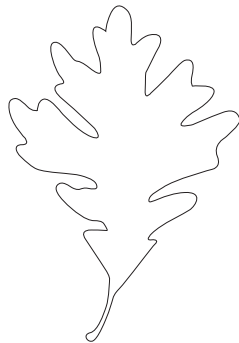
Similarly, those in arid rural areas without trees might want to choose something else to count. Some rural residents in lush environments might have the opposite problem - too many trees to count! In that case, try counting birds, or furry animals. It all depends on what surrounds you.

Outdoor Games: The Nature Guide Checklist
 Here is guide and checklist to learn types of trees while enjoying the outdoors.
 Our list includes the ten most common trees in the United States and two of
 our favorites.

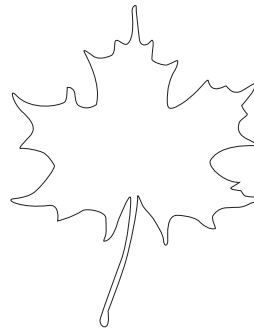
The Nature Guide Checklist



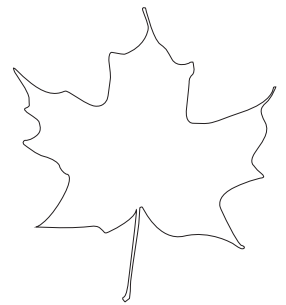
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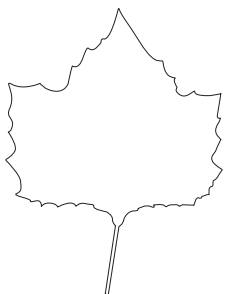
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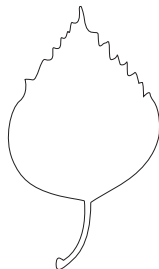
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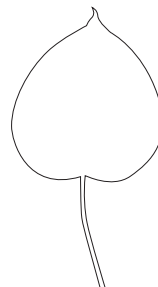
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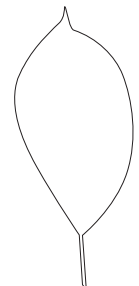
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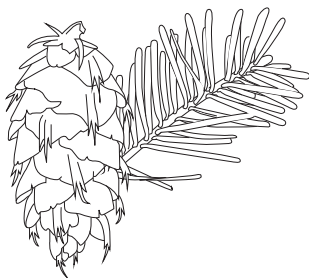
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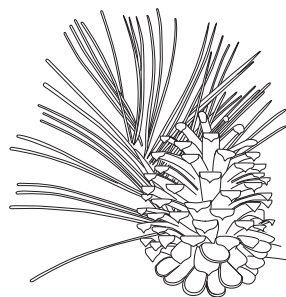
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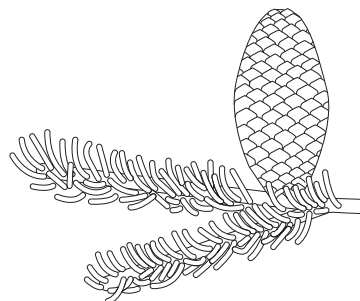
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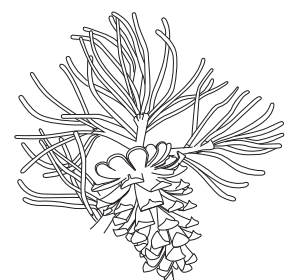
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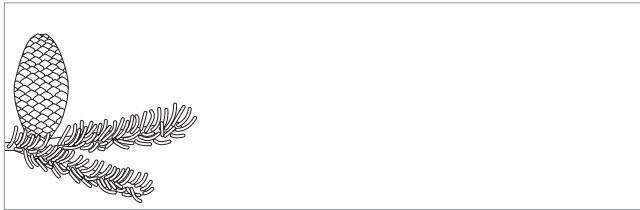
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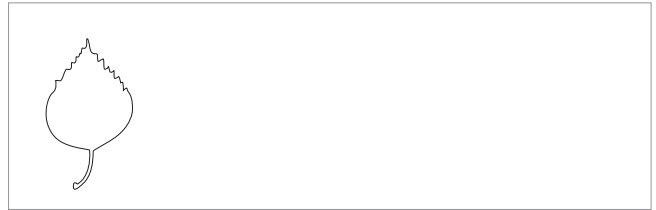
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Tree Counting Checklist

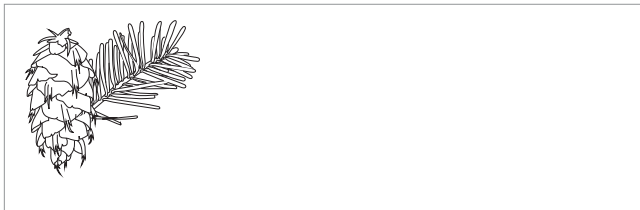
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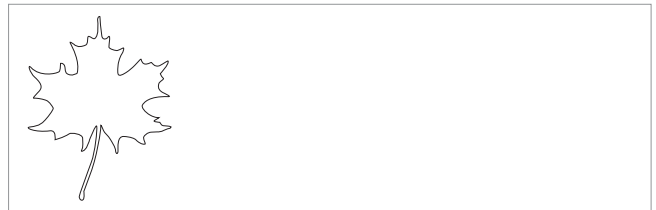
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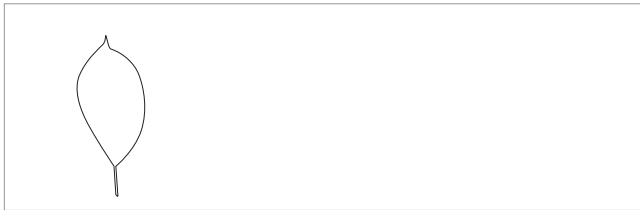
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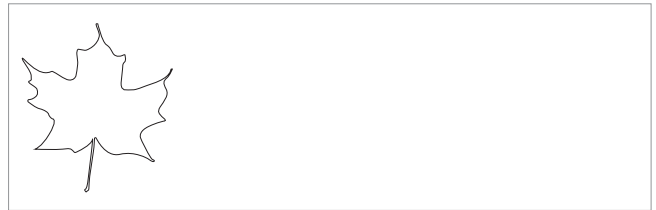
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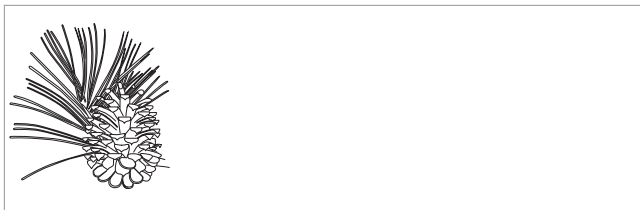
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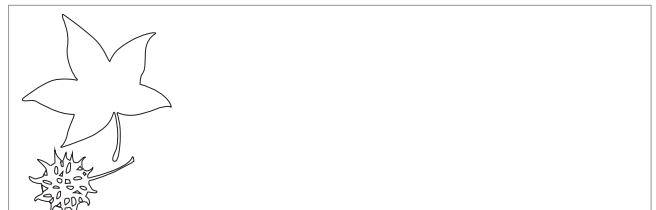
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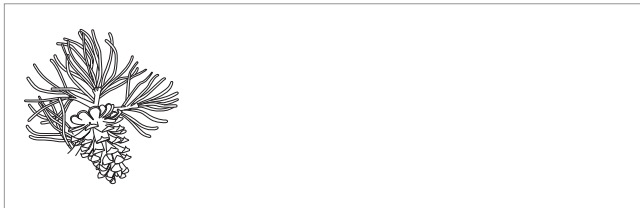
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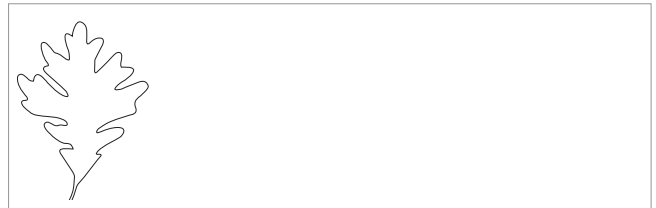
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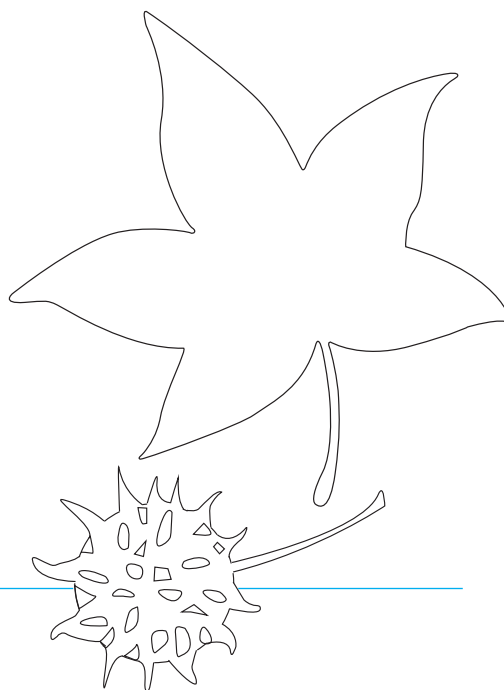
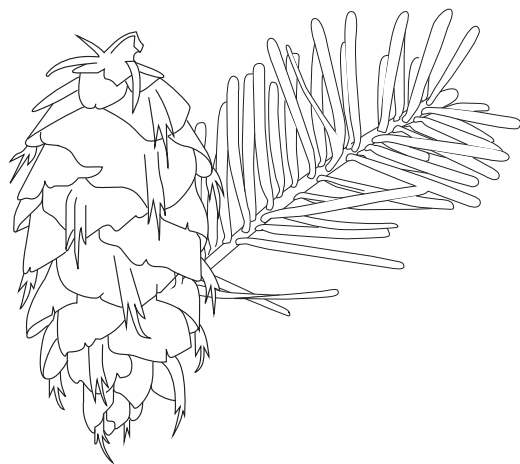
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Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

See who can find the most items on your scavenger hunt list. You can try it with a friend, or even try it solo to see if you can find all 20 items. It's a great way to enjoy nature and explore the great outdoors.



What You Will Need

Hammermill® Premium Multi-Purpose Paper
Pen, Pencil or Marker
Something Sturdy to Write on for Outdoors
The Scavenger Hunt Checklist
A Bag to Collect Your Items

The Nature Walk Scavenger Hunt

Can you find all 20 items!

☐

something brown

☐

something green

☐

something from a pine tree

☐

something that changed colors

☐

something rough

☐

something fuzzy

☐

something round

☐

two kinds of leaves

☐

a feather

☐

two kinds of sticks

☐

something delicate

☐

a flower or petal

☐

something smooth

☐

something you think is a treasure

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something long

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an acorn

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something not alive

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something colorful

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something alive

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something an insect enjoyed for dinner



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Creative Thinking

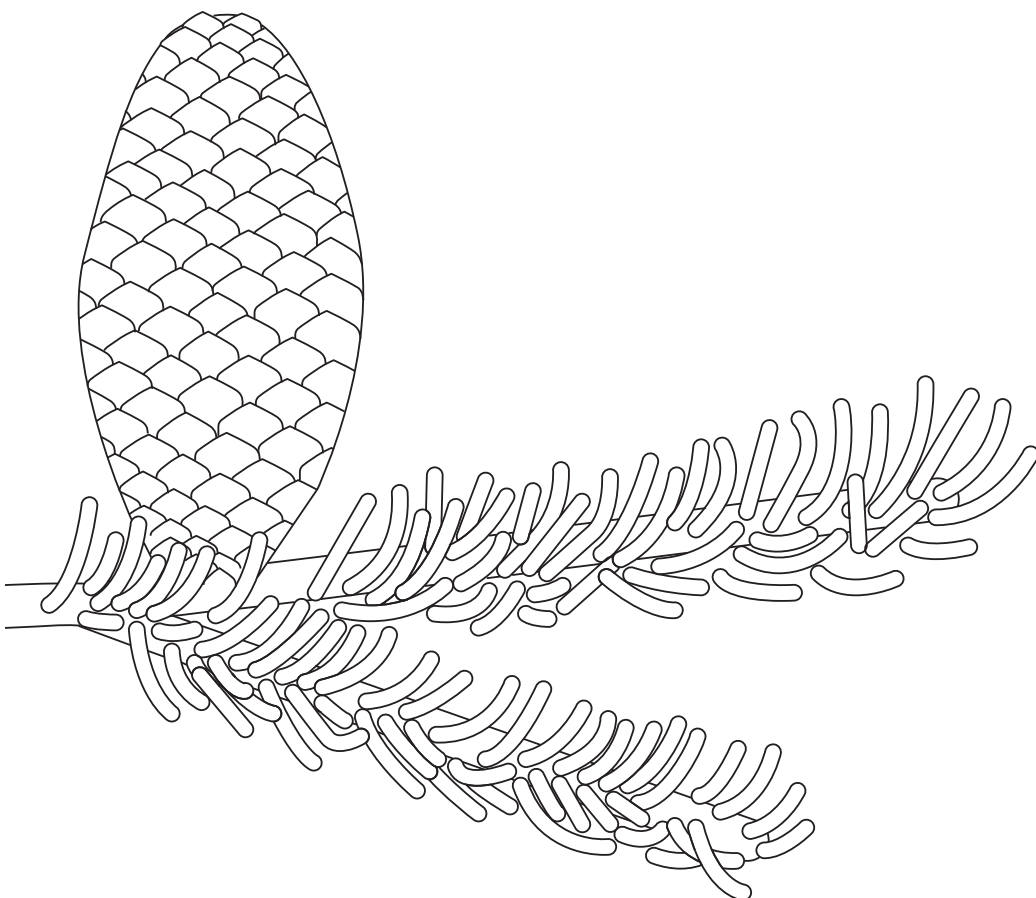
Get inspired by nature and use a tree as your writing muse.

Let's Get Started

Turn the walk into a writing exercise. During your walk take a picture of a tree that strikes you as having a strong personality. When you get home, write a short story from the perspective of the tree. The short story could literally be about perspective and how the tree's view changes as it grows. It could be about the struggles of its life, or all the things it has seen over the years - it's up to you!

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Nature Walk Bingo

Can you find all of the items in our nature walk bingo?

Let's Get Started

Here's an easy game for everyone. There are 6 unique gameboards to use. Print at least one for each player and/or print extras for lots of Bingo enjoyment.



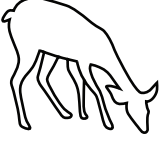
















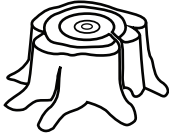
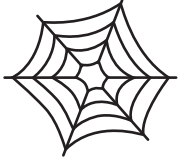



Within a decided game period, each player looks for and marks off the items they see on their Bingo sheet. The first player to get 5 items in a row, in any direction, wins.

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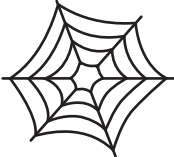
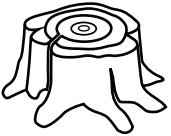










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The Bingo Card Templates





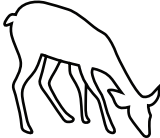

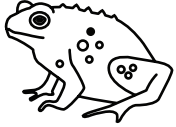










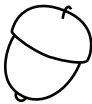








Nature Walk Bingo!

 SQUIRREL	 PINE CONE	 DEER	 COMPOUND LEAF	 BARK
 RUNNING WATER	 ANIMAL TRACKS	 WILDFLOWER	 FEATHER	 FLYING BIRD
 TREE BRANCH	 SMOOTH ROCK	FREE	 DRY LEAF	 MOSS
 ACORN	 GRASS	 INSECT	 ANIMAL'S HOME	 MUSHROOM
 TREE STUMP	 SPIDER WEB	 THORN	 ANT	 SMOOTH LEAF



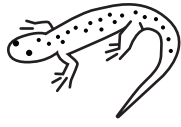





















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 THORN	 ACORN	 GRASS	 INSECT	 ANIMAL'S HOME
 TREE BRANCH	 SMOOTH ROCK	 FROG	 MAPLE LEAF	 MOSS















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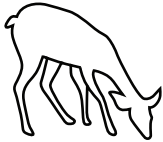












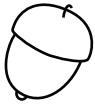


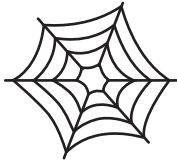

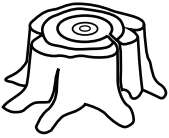


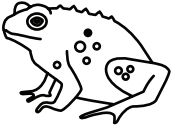

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