

The Fall Scavenger Hunt Kit

A printable companion to the autumn scavenger hunt guide

Print this kit and keep it by the door. It gives you the twelve-item hunt sheet, a route card to fill in, a blank version for building your own list, the colour and torchlight variations, a find log and a pre-departure check — everything you need without scrolling back through the guide.

The Twelve-Item Hunt

Tick	Item	Where to look
	A leaf bigger than your hand	Under broadleaf trees after wind
	Three different leaf colours	Anywhere leaves have fallen
	An acorn or a sweet chestnut	Beneath oak or chestnut trees
	A pine cone	Under evergreens, or on a path
	Something that smells of autumn	Bark, cones, damp leaves
	A seed that travels by air	Sycamore, maple, ash
	A feather	Open ground, hedges, parks
	A berry or a rosehip	Hedgerows — look, do not pick
	Something older than you	Walls, stumps, gate posts
	Something the colour of a pumpkin	Anywhere — hunt the colour, not the thing
	A perfect leaf with no holes	Under the best tree you find
	An empty snail shell or a smooth stone	Walls, kerbs, soil

Nothing on this list is rare, alive or behind a fence. That is deliberate — a list a child can actually finish is worth more than a list with an owl on it.

Route Card

Date _____ **Route** _____ **Boundary** _____

Party _____ **Ends at** _____

Build Your Own List

Leave off anything rare, anything behind a fence and anything that must be picked. Always include one freebie you know is there.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

11. _____

12. _____

The Colour Hunt

Six colours, any street. Put the dots on the sheet so pre-readers can match them. Works on the most boring road, which is the point.

Colour	Found it?	What it was
Red		
Orange		
Yellow		
Green		
Brown		
Something surprising		

The Torchlight Hunt

The same route after dark, with a torch. Shorten the boundary and stay on ground you already know.

- One torch each, and a spare set of batteries in a pocket.
- Boundary cut to about half the daylight version.
- Stick to paths you have already walked in daylight.
- Reflective or bright clothing on every child.
- A named meeting point in case anyone gets separated.
- Finds go in a bag — nothing picked in the dark.

Find Log

Date	Route	Best find	Ticked

Season Tracker

One line per week. Write the route, one thing you spotted for the first time, and what to change next time — then build the next list from it.

Week	Route	Best find	Next time
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			

Before You Leave the House

- The boundary has been said out loud and pointed at.
- The ending has been agreed: where and when.
- One list and one pencil each — no sharing.
- Paper clipped to something rigid so the wind cannot take it.
- Picking-up rules agreed: fallen things yes, growing things no.
- Decided where the finds are going: bag each, or photographs only.
- Waterproof coat, sturdy shoes and gloves for the youngest.
- Any prize, or the absence of one, mentioned before you set off.

Check for ticks and wash hands when you get home, especially after long grass or woodland. savorydiscovery.com — By Elowen Thorn. Printable for personal use.