

The Fall Scavenger Hunt Pack

A printable companion to the autumn scavenger hunt guide

Print this pack, clip it to a board, and go outside. It has the twelve-item hunt card, a blank card for your own route, a colour-and-texture hunt, a torchlight version, a variations tick-sheet, a find log and the questions to ask at the moment of finding.

The Twelve-Item Hunt Card

One card per child. Tick the box as each item is found — the tick is the reward, so never save it until the end. Cut along the line.

- A red leaf
- A yellow leaf
- An orange leaf
- An acorn
- A pinecone
- A mushroom (look only — do not pick)
- Berries on a bush or hedge (look only)
- A wildflower still in bloom
- A feather
- A squirrel
- A bird
- A pumpkin

Boundary set before you start: _____ Route: _____

The Colour and Texture Hunt

For the youngest children, and for late October when every leaf is the same shade. Ignore names and hunt for the description instead. This version needs no reading at all.

Find something...	What we found	Tick
Red		
Gold or yellow		
Brown		
Still green		
Smooth		
Bumpy		
Soft		
Prickly		

Find something...	What we found	Tick
Wet		
Dry and crunchy		

Blank Hunt Card — Write Your Own

Walk the route in your head before you fill this in. If there is no oak on it, do not put acorn on the list. A hunt that ends with a full page is the one that gets asked for again.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.

Leader: _____ Date: _____ Weather: _____

Torchlight Hunt — Short Route

The same idea, after dark, with a torch each. Keep the route short, the boundary tight, and one adult to each child. This is the version that gets talked about for weeks.

- Something that shines in the torchlight
- A leaf still on the tree
- A leaf on the ground
- A shape that looks like an animal
- Something that moves in the wind
- Something you can hear but not see
- A light in a window
- Something that feels cold
- A shadow of a branch
- Something you did not notice in daylight

Torch check before you leave the door: one working torch per person, batteries tested.

Variations Tick-Sheet

Change the rules, not the list. Tick each variation as you try it, so you can see at a glance which ones you have already played.

Variation	How it works	Tried
Quantities	Write a number beside each item — three acorns, five red leaves	
Teams and a timer	Two teams, same list, ten minutes, first to fill the page wins	
Photograph only	Nothing comes home; every find is a photo and the album is the trophy	
Reverse hunt	Hide the twelve items around the garden and they find them	
Torchlight	The same list, after dark, with a torch each	
Colour only	Hunt for colours rather than named items	
Texture hunt	Smooth, bumpy, soft, prickly	
Sound hunt	Stand still one minute and tick what you hear	

Find Log

Keep a record of each hunt. After a season you have a real diary of where you went and what was out, and the children can see the season change on the page.

Date	Where we went	Best find	Weather

The Questions to Ask

Ask at the moment of finding, not afterwards. Then count to five in your head before you answer your own question — almost every child gets there, and the answer they reach themselves is the one they keep.

- **Colour:** is this red the same red as that one?
- **Texture:** is it bumpy or smooth? What does it feel like on the back of your hand?
- **Smell:** does it smell of anything?
- **Counting:** how many points does this leaf have? How many petals?

- **Size order:** can you line them up from smallest to largest?
- **Sorting:** which of these came from a tree and which from the ground?
- **Prediction:** which one do you think we will find next?
- **Preference:** which is your favourite, and why?

Before You Go — Ten-Second Check

- Boundary agreed out loud and repeated back by the child
- One page and one pencil each — plus a spare pencil
- Nothing goes in the mouth: berries and mushrooms are look-only
- Waterproof shoes on; the ground is wetter than the air feels
- Hands washed when you get home
- Stop while everyone still wants more

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