



Exploratree play area
Set sail on the 'Exploratree' ship. Visit five continents, dodge wild creatures, crawl through a giant trunk tunnel and take on the balance beams.

- Old Arboretum**
- Felled giant**: Climb on, race along, decorate with fallen cones, mown grass, mud and more...
 - Tree roots**: Balance, duck under, clamber over and follow the roots wherever they go.
 - Gruffalo Wood**: Take a stroll through the deep dark wood... what will you discover?
 - Troll bridge**: Sssshhh! Tiptoe in and keep your eyes peeled. What wildlife can you spot?
 - Wild bird viewing area**: Defend your den, climb in, just sit and plan your next expedition.
 - Tree forts**: Climb on, race along, decorate with fallen cones, mown grass, mud and more...
 - Tyre Tunnel**: Scramble through and over.

- Ready, set... play!**
- Silk Wood**: Good luck to all! Play music, talk to wood spirits or call to woodpeckers!
 - Knock on wood**: Beware the big bad wolf! Hide in the long grass: creep, sneak and surprise your friends.
 - Tipi Town**: Build your own explorers tent or natural den, and imagine a great adventure!
 - Ted's fright**: Once upon a time Ted (a tree team member) almost fell in and got a fright... but do you dare go and see?
 - Tall tree trail**: Balance your way, explore through thick and thin... where will it lead?
 - Mr Wolf?**: What time is it?

Calling all explorers!

Westonbirt is full of exciting nooks and crannies just waiting to be discovered!

Use the map inside to follow our hands-on family activity trails or find our wider play features.

Fair play!

Respect our trees and landscape

Feel free to pick up anything from the ground, but if something is still attached to a plant, then the plant still needs it!

There are lots of great trees to climb, but they are living things that don't like to be snapped, broken or pulled apart!

Choose larger sturdy trees and don't climb on branches smaller than a child's wrist.

Use fallen natural objects, but please tidy away afterwards, particularly in mown grass areas where sticks can damage our mowers.

Respect other visitors

Not everyone has come to play; other visitors may be seeking a quiet experience or studying our trees.

You are welcome to play ball games on The Downs.

Small bikes, scooters or balance bikes are allowed if the handlebars are less than 70cm high. Ride carefully, especially at busy times and please do not ride across the STIHL Treetop Walkway.

Events

Family activities

Enchanted Christmas
Every Fri, Sat & Sun from 29 Nov - 22 Dec
Add some sparkle to your family Christmas, and set out on the all new enchanted woodland illuminated trail. Pop in to the Christmas village to create some Christmas arts and crafts.
Advance booking required
03000 680 400
forestryengland.uk/westonbirt

Fun with Sticks
Mon 17 - Fri 21 Feb
10.30 am - 3.30 pm
Have a go at charcoal making, draw a shadow twig picture and try our 'What is it?' stick quiz.

Family friendly facilities

Toilets including baby changing facilities are available at the Welcome Building and next to the Great Oak Hall.

Families are catered for in the Westonbirt Restaurant with a children's menu, bottle warming and highchairs.

Our Exploratree play area, designed for young children, is situated next to the outdoor café.

For alternative formats, please get in touch:
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Includes a trail map and play features

Winter Wonders

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family trail

Try the activities at each of the trail stops.

Old Arboretum
Winter trail ●●●
 Approx 1 miles (allow 1-1.5 hours)

Silk Wood
Winter trail ●●●
 Approx 1.5 miles (allow 1.5-2 hours)

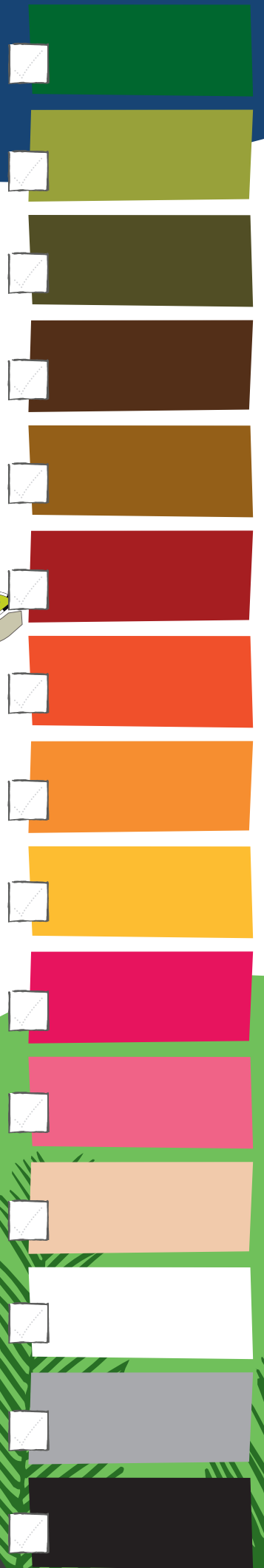
Silhouette spotting

Write the name of a tree that matches each silhouette.



Winter rainbow

Tick off the colours you find.



Bird watching diary

Create a diary entry for the bird activity you've spotted.

Date: _____

Time: _____

Bird activity: _____



Minibeast mansion

Draw your minibeast mansion design and add some minibeasts that would like to live in it.

Evergreen leaves

Use the magnifying glass and draw the detail you see.



Children's University
 Our family trails are validated by the Children's University. To claim three hours for your passport send a photo of your completed trail form to:
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