



Forestry England

# Earth Photo Explorer activity sheet

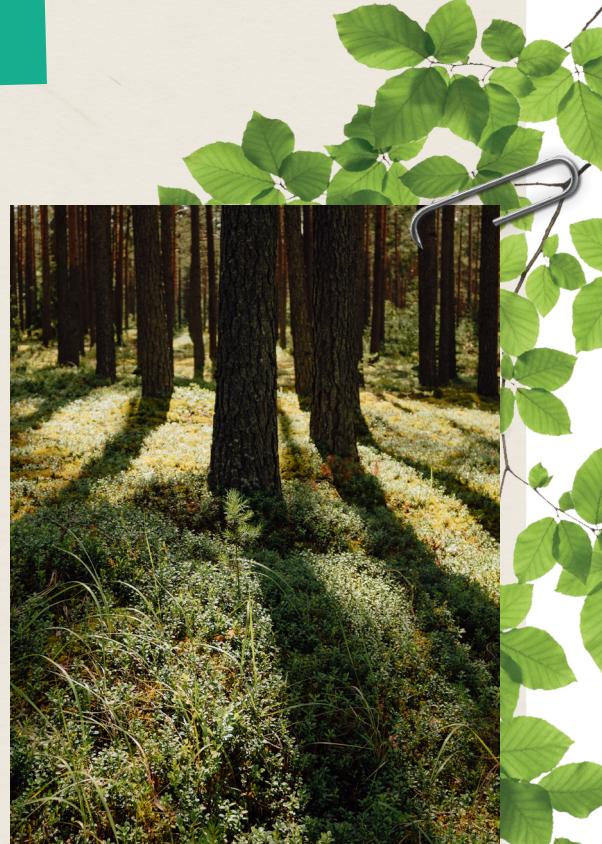


**People take photos to remember special moments, show others what they've seen, and tell stories.**

A photo can capture something beautiful, exciting, or even something that needs our help. Photos can help us see the world through someone else's eyes.

Earth Photo uses pictures to show the big changes happening to our planet. The photos help us understand things like climate change, how people live, and how nature is being affected. They encourage us to think, care, and take action to protect the world around us.

Now it's your time to have a go. By doing these activities, you'll explore powerful photos and discover the stories they tell before starting to create your own.



## Choose an image that speaks to you

**1** Be inspired and take a look at all the photographs in the Earth Photo exhibition.

Choose one that really stands out to you.

**2** Talk about it with your family or friends.

Here are some questions to get you started:

- What do you see happening in the photo?
- What message or story might the photographer be telling?
- How does it make you feel?

**3** Now imagine you could interview the photographer. What three questions would you ask?



## Take a forest walk

### Be a photo explorer!

- 1 As you explore the forest, imagine you're a documentary photographer like those featured in the Earth Photo exhibition. What story do you want to tell?

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Raise awareness of something important to you e.g. litter in the countryside.
- Capture the hidden wonders of the forest – the beauty of leaf veins and patterns in nature.
- Show how people and nature connect.



- 2 Take photos or use a sketchbook to collect 3-5 "images" that tell your forest story.

You could focus on:

- Hidden details.
- Change and growth.
- Light and shadow.
- What's at your feet / what's above your head.



## Reflect and share

Record and share your forest story. You could:

- Create a display of your photos or sketches.
- Add short captions: What is the story? Why did you choose this moment?
- Turn one into a postcard and post it to a friend or family member.
- Share your forest story with others, at school or with your family.