Collect and match

Collect lots of different leaves and then use the ID guides to work out what they are. You could use fallen leaves or the leaves on the trees (but please don't pick them).

Spotting leaves

- Ash
- Alder Buckthorn
- Silver Birch
- Corsican Pine
- Douglas Fir
- European Larch
- Hawthorn
- Hazel
- Holly
- Sessile Oak
- Scots Pine
- Wild Service

Love me and leave me - please don't pick or remove wildlife from the forest.
Can you guess what it is?

Everyone collects 2 woodland objects and keeps them hidden. Take it turns to describe one of the objects at a time to everyone else using only single words. The others have to guess what the object is. Reveal it at the end.

Top trumps

Print out a set of the top trump cards from the following pages. Divide these amongst the group. You can either play for swaps or win cards by out-trumping them.

Each card has facts to compare with a score of 1 to 5:
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Who lives in Wyre?

Here’s a picture of a Wyre Oak tree with some of the wildlife that lives there. You can use the spotter sheets to identify them.

Can you find:

Mammals
Hedgehog
Stoat
Fox
Badger
Squirrel
Bat

Birds
Jay
Woodpecker
Owl
Robin
Great Tit
Sparrowhawk

Minibeasts
Beetle
Worm
Woodlouse
Millipede
Spider
Caterpillar
Ladybird
Moth
Earwig

Reptile
Snake
Wildlife spotting

Download the spotter sheets for the Wyre Forest
http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/INFD-6FRD1H

or make your own spotter sheets.
http://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/watchgroups/Wyre-Forest-Watch-Group

Why not join the Wyre Forest Watch group?
http://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/

Predator/Prey game

Give everyone an animal name badge - for each game have one predator and everyone else is prey. Like hide and seek, the prey has to hide to avoid being eaten. However, they may be able to survive if they can find a survival card that is relevant to them.

Hide survival cards (eg. camouflage, flight, hiding, poison) around the area you are playing in. If the prey can find a survival card that is relevant to them then they may survive even if found, depending on if the predator can overcome their survival tactic.

Predators have to give the prey 30 seconds head start.

Play the game again with a different predator.

(You may want to start the game with a discussion about animal survival tactics)
PREDATOR Goshawk
Weapons: Fast in flight, superb eyesight, sharp powerful talons, sharp beak.

PREDATOR Sparrowhawk
Weapons: Fast in flight and manoeuvrable, superb eyesight, sharp powerful talons, sharp beak.

PREDATOR Badger
Weapons: Nocturnal, great senses of smell and hearing at night, sharp claws and teeth, strong jaws.

PREDATOR Fox
Weapons: Fast runner, great senses of smell and hearing, stealth, sharp claws and teeth.

PREDATOR Tawny Owl
Weapons: Stealth flight, nocturnal, great sense of hearing, strong talons, sharp beak.

PREDATOR Wood Ant
Weapons: Formic Acid, large numbers attack en masse, strong mandibles.
SURVIVAL CARD
Speed

SURVIVAL CARD
Poisonous

SURVIVAL CARD
Taste bad

SURVIVAL CARD
Great sense of vision, smell or hearing

SURVIVAL CARD
Mimickery eg: eyespots

SURVIVAL CARD
Warning calls

SURVIVAL CARD
Warning colour

SURVIVAL CARD
Hiding

SURVIVAL CARD
Camouflage

SURVIVAL CARD
Flight
Tree hunt

If you are visiting the Wyre, print out the tree map and see if you can find one of each of the tree species. Use the tree species booklets to help you identify them as you go round.

Alternatively, why not make a simple tree map of your own garden or local park?

Scavenger hunt

Can you find these things?
- something prickly
- something soft
- something smooth
- something shiny
- something hard
- something yellow
- something round

Collect them in your bag and then come and show everyone your treasures.