

Keep this sheet.
Collect them all!



Explore your world with this Science-to-Go backpack



Books in this backpack

- **Ellie's Log: Exploring the Forest Where the Great Tree Fell**
by Judith L. Li
- **Explore the Deciduous Forest**
by Linda Tagliaferro
- **Fire Birds**
by Sneed B. Collard III
- **No Monkeys, No Chocolate**
by Melissa Stewart and Allen Young
- **Redwoods**
by Jason Chin

Idea!

After reading "No Monkeys, No Chocolate," think about another item or treat you like. Then find out about where it comes from and what it takes to make it grow.

More books
at your
library

24 Hours in a Tropical Rain Forest. Virginia Schomp. J577.34
Looking Closely Through the Forest. Frank Serafini. E578.73
Out of the Woods: A True Story of an Unforgettable Event.
Rebecca Bond. E971.304
A Walk in the Boreal Forest. Rebecca Johnson. J577.37
What If There Were No Gray Wolves? Suzanne Slade. J577.3097

Local Connection

Check out Washington's newest park:
Nisqually State Park.
Just a few miles west of Eatonville, this park has plenty of forest to explore.
Find more information at wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/nisqually-state-park.



ACTIVITY

Neighborhood Trees

You're welcome to keep this sheet!

Forests are habitats dominated by trees. Even if you don't live in the middle of the woods, chances are you have a tree outside your home. Have fun observing trees and wildlife while creating a field guide to your own yard or neighborhood.

What you need:

- Paper
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Trees
- Hard surface to write on
- Hole punch
- Yarn or string

Try this:

1. Select your first tree to observe. What do you notice?
2. If the tree has leaves or needles, make a leaf rubbing on a piece of paper. To do this, put a leaf on a hard surface, place a piece of paper over it, and rub with a crayon or pencil. You'll begin to see the form of the leaf.
3. The tree has other parts beside leaves, right? Make a bark rubbing, and sketch seeds or pine cones. Do you see any animals living in the tree? Draw them too.
4. Stand back and look at the shape of the whole tree. Sketch the tree.
5. Repeat your observation and sketching with other trees nearby. What similarities and differences do you notice between the trees?
6. Take your papers inside. If you have access to the internet or a published field guide, look up your trees and label your pictures accordingly. If not, make up your own names for the trees.
7. Paste your field notes into the Science-to-Go notebook so others can learn about the trees in your neighborhood or keep them together and start a field guide of your own.

Going Further

Take a walk in a wooded area. Create a new field guide for the area. Do you find different trees than the ones around your house?