



Instructions

- Use this Tree Scavenger Hunt to explore and learn about trees.
- Each leaf above has a number on it that matches an activity on the back of this scavenger hunt.
- Complete the activity then color in that leaf on the tree.

Materials Needed

- Crayons or colored pencils.

Activities

1—Find evidence that an animal is living in a tree. For example, a nest or a hole in a tree.

2—Make a leaf or bark rubbing in the blank area to the right. Do this by placing this paper on top of the leaf or bark and then gently rubbing your crayon or colored pencil on the paper.

3—Find a seed, acorn, or pinecone and try to figure out what tree it came from.

4—Find the biggest tree you can and give it a hug, are you able to wrap your arms all the way around?

5—Start from the trunk of a tree and walk outwards to the edge of the canopy. As you walk try to visualize the roots of the tree beneath your feet. These roots are important in anchoring the tree in place and providing it with the nutrients it needs to grow. The roots also soak up water and act as a natural filter. This benefits the Red River by reducing pollution.

6— Find evidence that humans have affected a tree. For example, the tree could have mulch around it, the tree might be trimmed, etc.

7—Take a deep breath and smell the air. What do you smell?

8—Listen and describe two different sounds. Can you guess what is making the sounds?

9—Find a tree with moss growing on it. Where on the tree is the moss growing? Moss can store extra water and increase the nutrients in the soil and help prevent soil erosion. Moss growth on a tree is not harmful, but for some trees it could be a sign of decay.

10— Find two different leaves. Name one thing that is similar about them and one thing that is different. For example, size, shape, color, etc.

11—Find a dead or rotting tree. Why are they beneficial? They can cycle nutrients back into the soil which will help with plant growth. They also can help with various other things like preventing soil erosion, increasing soil moisture, or providing habitat.

