

Doorstep SAFARI

There could be a whole world of wildlife waiting for you at a park near your home. Use the next four pages to track plants and animals to see what's thriving – the more you find, the better.

DATE:

PLACE:

Start by counting all the **TREES** you can see.

How many can you count?



Do they all look like they're the same type?

YES/NO

If NO, how many different types are there?



If you see a **TREE STUMP**...

...count any dark rings inside.

The number tells you how many years the tree lived.



You can copy the texture and patterns of trees' **BARK** by doing rubbings. You just need to press a piece of paper against the trunk, and rub it with the side of a crayon.

If you cut out rubbings you've made from two different trees, you could stick them in the gaps below to help you compare them.

Bark rubbing 1

Bark rubbing 2

Next, draw the shapes of different **LEAVES** you find. You could try sketching them, or if the leaves have fallen onto the ground, put them on this page to draw around their edges.

Hunt for different kinds of **FLOWERS** too. How many types can you find that are...

...red or pink?



...blue or purple?



...yellow or orange?



How big is the biggest flower you can see? Can you describe its size by comparing it to something else?

It's as big as...



Ivy on a tree trunk

A **plant** growing on another plant

Can you find some types of plants that match these categories? Circle each one you spot.

A plant with **thorns** or **spiky leaves**

A plant that has **buds**, **seeds** or **fruit**

A flower with more than six **petals**



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