

WINDMILL HILL WOOD
SKIP IT!



WOODLAND TREASURE TRAIL

THIS TREASURE TRAIL is one of 5 in 5 different woods in Runcorn – Windmill Hill, Railway Plantation, The Gorse, Murdishaw and Haddocks. Each Treasure Trail can be completed on its own or can be done as a series which will lead you to a 6th Treasure Trail in Fountains Wood. Along the way you will discover lots about the woods and the wildlife that lives in them! So turn off the TV, Xbox, Wii, washing machine, vacuum cleaner and go outdoors into the woods.

WOOD 1: WINDMILL HILL WOOD / SKIP IT!

On this Trail you must find objects that we have hidden throughout the wood, each attached to a tree. As you wander through the woodland you will hear the birds singing happily in the trees, see the lovely furry animals going about their business and... what's that, a bed in a tree? And a tyre floating in the pond? Surely they shouldn't be here?

Follow the directions below and, as you go, look for the objects referred to in the clues. Look carefully up, down and around—they are not always easy to find! As you find each object you will find a letter attached to the same tree. Write the letter in the box alongside the clue that best describes the animal or item. If the object belongs in the wood then also write it in the numbered box in the solution grid to the right. The others? Chuck them in the skip!

DIRECTIONS

(L=Left, R=Right)

1 From the area in front of the shop go under the bridge with 'Working Together' on it. Turn R. At the bus stop take the path to the L into the wood. Turn L at the Woodland Trust sign. The first object can be found along this section of path.

2 Turn L then take the path to the R to the gate. Go over the lane and into the next section of wood. Follow the horseshoe direction signs. Between the 2nd and 4th horseshoe you will find two objects. Carry on and find another object before the fifth horseshoe.

3 After the fifth horseshoe take the next path to the L and then turn R where two paths cross. There is one object between here and the T-junction. Turn R. At the next horseshoe go straight over onto the grassy path. There is one object along this section. Turn R. There is an object close to where all the paths meet.

4 Look for a horseshoe sign and head in that direction. Turn left at the next one. After the next horseshoe you will find 3 objects, one between each of the next 3 sets of signs. Before the next sign (which points L) turn R to join the main path and head R. Follow this path past the paths that join from the L and the next horseshoe on the R.

5 Go up the hill past the horseshoe and then straight on where the paths cross and head L. Look for a post on the L with 19 T on it. Your next object is nearby. Carry on and just before the next horseshoe turn L. You will find your last object between here and the lane.

6 To return to the start point, go across the lane and follow the path until you reach a Mersey Valley Timberland Trail sign. Turn R at this sign to head back.

CLUES

1 I have four legs, long ears and fur.
I live underground in a house called a burrow.

2 I have a spout to let the water out,
Don't worry if I drip,
I should be in the skip!

3 What a hoot this is!

4 House to let. Open plan living.
One bedroom. Ideal for first-time flier.

5 I can live on the land but really like to soak,
I have beady eyes and often go "croak"!

6 I'm sometimes great with bacon and eggs, but don't eat me – I may be poisonous!

7 I am really useful on a car or a bike,
But you shouldn't have to see me when you go on a hike!

8 Amongst the trees and on the breeze,
I flutter by, I'm a

9 My bright red colour means I'm spotted all the time!

10 I pop up in the kitchen but shouldn't pop up here.

11 I go slow and take my house with me, though I'm not a caravan!

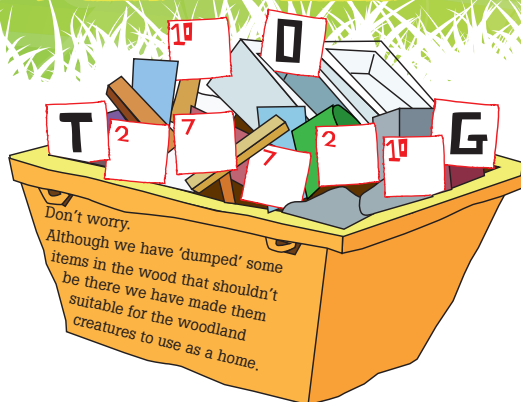
12 Don't touch me! I'm a very prickly character.

THE SOLUTION GRID

Well done! You should now have found all the letters and written them in the relevant numbered squares to the right. This wood's code word will be revealed by reading up the shaded squares.

If you find a clue that has been damaged or removed please email wopsmail@woodlandtrust.org.uk or phone and leave a message on 08452 935 822.

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