



WOODLAND TREASURE TRAIL



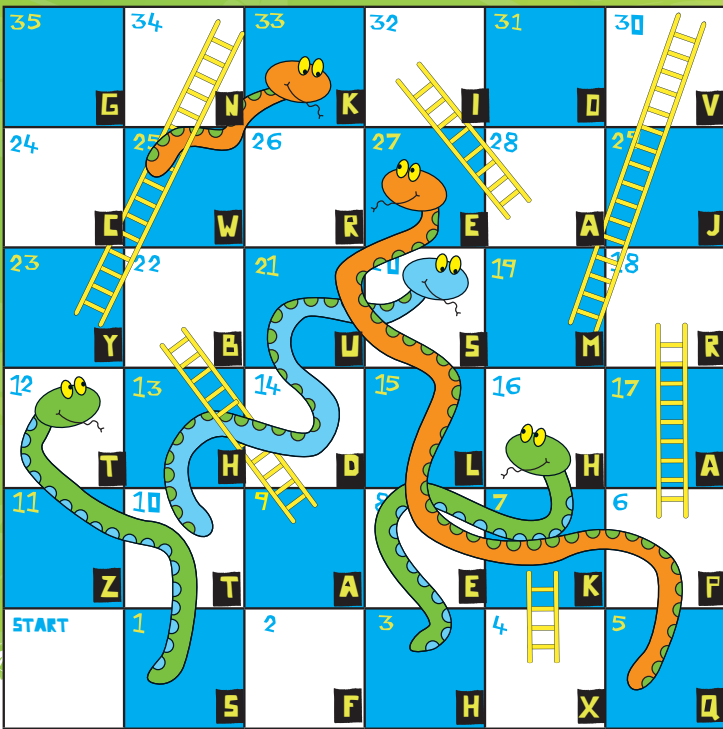
THIS TREASURE TRAIL is one of 5 in 5 different woods in Runcorn – Windmill Hill, Railway Plantation, The Gorse, Murdishaw and Haddocks. Each Treasure Trail can be completed on its own or can be done as a series which will lead you to a 6th Treasure Trail in Fountains Wood. Along the way you will discover 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 2: RAILWAY PLANTATION / THE WOODLAND PLAYGROUND

The woods are a fun place to play. So today we're going to play a game of snakes and ladders in the woods. You must have played snakes and ladders before, where you throw the dice and move around the board? If you land on a ladder you go up it and if you land on a snake you go down it. It's okay though, there are no real snakes in the woods, just on your paper! "So where's the dice?" I hear you ask. Well, in this version of the game you're the dice!

Around the wood there are 11 trees numbered one to eleven. You must find the trees in order, starting with the one with a number 1 on it. Each tree has a dice pattern on it, depicted by wooden discs, alongside the tree's number. When you find each tree, move the number of spaces shown on the dice on the board below. If you land on a ladder you must go up it and if you land on a snake you go down it. You will notice that each square you land on has a letter on it. Write the letter that you land on in the solution box below in the numbered box for that turn. For example, if tree 1 has a 4 on it you would move 4 squares from the start and go up the ladder to square 7. This has a letter K on it so you would write K in box 1. Your next move would start from square 7 and the letter you land on would be written in box 2.

GAME BOARD



RAILWAY PLANTATION

Getting there

Railway Plantation is located next to Runcorn East Station on Barnfield Avenue. The station is well-signposted from all directions.

SATNAV WA7 6EP.

Bus routes 1, 2, 20, 20a, 62, 200, N5, X1 – get off at the Station then walk across footbridge. Bus route 66.

The Trail Start

The entrance to the wood is through the metal gate at the side of the station car park.

RAILWAY PLANTATION. This small broadleaved wood is dominated by sycamore along with oak, Norway maple, birch, alder, hybrid black poplar, horse chestnut and elm. The wood has areas of dense under storey comprising mainly of elder, hawthorn, rowan, wild cherry, hazel, holly, and Norway maple. In the wood and surrounding area there are 73 flowering plants (13 tree species) and 65 species of invertebrates present.

ABOUT THE WOODLAND TRUST

Trees and forests are crucial to life on our planet. They stabilise the soil, generate oxygen, store carbon, play host to a spectacular variety of wildlife, and provide us with raw materials and shelter. They offer us respite, inspire our imagination, creativity and culture, and refresh our souls. A world without trees and forests would be barren, impoverished and intolerable.

The Woodland Trust is the UK's leading woodland conservation charity dedicated to enable the creation of more native woods and places rich in trees, to protect native woods, trees and their wildlife for the future and to inspire everyone to enjoy and value woods and trees.

We own more than 1,000 sites covering around 20,000 hectares (50,000 acres) of woodland and countryside, including 71 sites in Cheshire and Merseyside, 46 of which are within urban and on the urban fringe.



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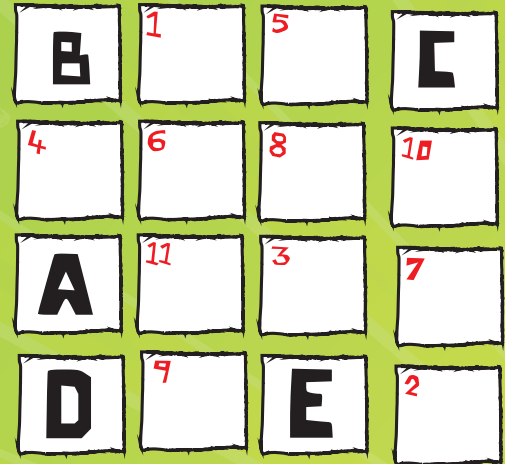
THE SOLUTION GRID

Well done! You should now have found all the letters and written them in the relevant numbered squares to the right. You may have noticed that there are also some squares with letters already printed in the middle of them.

To reveal this wood's code word start at the square with A printed at the centre of it and draw a straight line from there to B and then on to C, D and E. The code word will be formed from the letters in the boxes that you have not passed through.

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.

If you've missed any of the previous weeks' Trails, don't worry, you can still complete them by downloading them from www.treasuretrails.co.uk/goldenleaf.html



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