



# WOODLAND TREASURE TRAIL



THIS TREASURE TRAIL is one of 5 in 5 different woods in Runcorn – Windmill Hill, Railway Plantation, The Gorse, Murdishaw and Haddock's. 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 5: HADDOCK'S WOOD / THE NATURE TRAIL

On this trail you need to follow some coloured arrows to find your way through the wood and collect the letters that you need in your quest to find the Golden Leaf. "What could be simpler than that?" I hear you say. Well it's not quite that simple because you will need to answer some questions to work out which coloured arrows to follow. Below are 9 questions about woodlands, each with three possible answers each of which is a different colour. Starting with clue 1 and at the tree nearest to the car park, walk in the direction of the arrow whose colour is the same as the answer that you think is correct until you arrive at another tree with arrows on it. If the letter you find there is the same colour as the arrow you are following... hey, you're a woodland expert! If not, you'll have to try again. If you've gone more than 100 yards without finding the tree, you've gone past it! Once you're sure you've got the correct letter, write it in the numbered box next to the question and in the same numbered box in the solution grid below. Repeat for each clue until you get to the end. Good luck!

### CLUES

An easy one to start with. Leaves go brown and fall to the ground in which season of the year?

- Winter (g)
- Spring (b)
- Autumn (r)

 1

What does a hedgehog do if it is scared?

- Lose its spines (y)
- Roll into a ball (g)
- Run away (b)

 2


What type of bird is this?

- Parrot (r)
- Cuckoo (y)
- Woodpecker (g)

 3

The fruit of a horse chestnut tree is called what?

- Mast (b)
- Conker (r)
- Acorn (y)

 4

Trees that keep their leaves in the winter are called what?

- Splendiferous (g)
- Coniferous (b)
- Deciduous (r)

 5

(Go via the bridge to your left)

Would a deer eat a mouse?

- Never (y)
- Definitely, yum yum (g)
- Only if it was really hungry (b)

 6

What type of woodland flower is this?



- Foxglove (r)
- Violet (y)
- Bluebell (g)

 7

What does the most common ladybird have seven of?

- Friends (b)
- Legs (r)
- Spots (y)

 8

How many leaves are there in this wood? Ha ha, only joking. But how many different types of trees do you think there are?

- 3 (g)
- 12 (b)
- 30 (r)

 9

If you've managed to get to the tree with four coloured arrows on it, congratulations you've finished the Trail! If you're still wandering aimlessly around the wood from tree to tree, you might find the answer to the last question somewhere on this page.

## HADDOCK'S WOOD

### Getting there

Haddock's Wood is located near the Astmoor area of Runcorn between Daresbury Expressway and Warrington Road. From the expressway follow signs to Astmoor. Take the first right into Warrington Road. Turn right at the Haddock's Wood Playing Fields sign. Park in the bay on the right after approx 200 yards. SATNAV WA7 1QH Bus routes: 14,66,110,X1

### The Trail Start

The entrance to the wood is through the metal gate next to the parking bay.

HADDOCK'S WOOD lies to the north of Runcorn New Town. It is predominantly mixed broadleaved secondary woodland planted by the Brookes Family as part of their extensive estate. There are three distinct remnant blocks of woodland of mixed broadleaved forest with oak, lime, sycamore, beech with birch, cherry, alder, and willow. The under storey largely consists of under planted oak, rowan, cherry, beech, alder, willow with holly, birch and hawthorn. Not sure that haddock have ever been present in Haddock's Wood, it's not quite salty enough!!

## 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. This wood's code word will be revealed by reading down the shaded squares.

If you find a clue that has been damaged or removed please email [wopsmail@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto: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](http://www.treasuretrails.co.uk/goldenleaf.html)

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7	9	1
3	6	4



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