

Ancient Tree Hunt

Get out and find all the fat, wrinkly old trees around where you live.

old

Saggy, stooped and twisted – if you spot a tree that looks like it has lots of scars and dead bits on it, it's showing signs of age, so is probably an old tree worth telling us about. Describe its shape for us on the blog!

fat

We love fat trees! How fat is your tree? Is it hollow? Can you climb inside the big fat tree? Quick! Get someone to take your photo! How many people does it take to hug the tree? Don't forget to count up your hugs and tell the world on the website.

wrinkly

Wrinkles are great places for bugs to hide. Look around and see what you can find living in the crinkles of your old, fat tree. If your bug will stop wriggling for long enough, take his photo. Don't forget to look up to the top of the tree – can you spot an owl or a bat? Tell everyone about who lives in your wrinkly tree.

When you get home create a tree record, write in the blog, add your photos and stories at www.AncientTreeHunt.org.uk

game instructions

The aim of the game is to complete the food chains in the correct order. If you are playing two-player, the winner is the one who has the most food chains.

Before you start, stick the game stickers onto bottle caps, find a dice and two counters.

one player

Use the dice to move around the board and follow the instructions on the squares that you land on. You finish the game once you have moved all the animals into the tree, completing the food chains.

two players

If the first player lands on a square (e.g. move the fly in), they can move that bottle cap onto their side of the tree. If player two later lands on the same square, they can steal that bottle cap from player one's side and add it to their side. However, if player one already has the next creature in that food chain (the spider), player two cannot take the fly, but if they land on the spider square they can take the spider from player one's side and take it off the board, ready to be used again.

Good luck and have fun!

