

Norfolk Trail Heritage Rangers: Tree detectives

Resources required:

- Box of wax crayons
- Box of paper (preferably tracing paper)
- Tree ID booklets (preferably one between two students)
- A variety of freshly-picked leaves
- A mat

Method

- **Activity 1a:** To begin, the each student should collect a sheet of paper and a crayon, and then they should find a tree and make a tree trunk/bark rubbing. Students should stay within a 10-20 metre radius.
- **Activity 1b:** Once a tree rubbing has been made, give a tree bark ID booklet each group of pupils (Be aware, they may need to share ID booklets).
- **Activity 2:** Place the pile of leaves in the centre of the mat and ask the students to identify the different leaves using their booklets.
- If there is time remaining, why not have a second go at Activity 1. If tracing paper is used, there is the possibility to make a picture using leaf rubbings.

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