

Avenues, gateways and boundaries

Create gateways as entrances to different forest experiences. Plant trees and manage vegetation to create avenues. Define spaces with boundary features such as fences or hurdles.



Notes

- Care should be taken to avoid producing spikes and sharp cut ends if using hurdles, woven screens or layered hedges in locations where play or running is encouraged.

HOW TO BUILD



• Gateways and archways need not necessarily be entrances to specific places, they can simply mark the passing from one place to another, frame a particular view or just be fun/interesting features in their own right. Archways can be planted with climbing plants (climbing rose or honeysuckle), be created with existing trees or established by planting new trees. • In addition to archways, avenues of trees can also provide opportunities to

create visual interest in framing a long distance view and trees to hide behind or weave in and out of. • Boundaries to spaces can be created by enclosing with hedges, fences or hurdles. • Create hedges with native species from the area, taking care not to include species with thorns or poisonous elements when they are associated with play spaces. • Hurdles can be created from cut hazel coppice or could be living willow rods with a woven horizontal mat. See section on willow domes for more details.