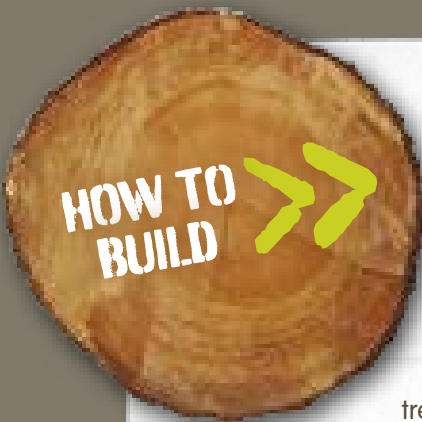


# Upright logs

A series of vertical poles set into the ground in a regular or random arrangement makes an interesting den or play space for games like tag. Posts can be set at an angle, carved, have horizontal posts introduced or have the tops angled for variation. Hundreds of posts could be used for a vast play space.



- Poles can be either locally sourced FSC machine-rounded fence posts or natural logs peeled or with the bark still on. They should be of a species that is durable or pressure treated to prevent decay.
- The poles can be 'planted' in either a regular pattern to, say, reflect nearby hop poles or in an irregular arrangement. Tops can be even or at different heights and angles.
- To ensure stability the pole should have 1/3 of its length in the ground and the surrounding soil be properly compacted in layers, or stone/concrete used where necessary.
- The ground surrounding the logs will soon become worn and muddy. If this is deemed to be a problem compact a layer 150 mm of Type 1 MOT crushed stone and 10 mm layer of dust for a more durable surface. Slightly dome finished surface to shed water to sides, using a hand tamper or plate vibrator to thoroughly compact the stone and dust.

## Notes

- Seek guidance from FC engineer on stone surfacing if unsure.
- Refer to entrapment in safety section of appendix.

