

Who Lives At Westonbirt? – Explorer Backpack KS1 & KS2

This backpack contains a set of resources and activity ideas for you to search for homes and signs of the wildlife that lives at Westonbirt, and to consider their needs for life.

Item	No.	Activity Ideas
Mammal tracks and signs ID sheets 	7	A set of FSC ID sheets that shows how field evidence like tracks, droppings, burrows, nests and feeding signs can be used to identify species
Plant galls ID sheets 	7	Galls grow where insects and other invertebrates lay eggs and make homes in different parts of plant. Look out for their strange shapes on leaves, twigs, buds and developing seeds.
Challenge cards	1	A set of 8 KS1 or KS2 challenges to give a discovery focus to your walk. Follow a mole and create a twig tower for mini-beasts, find a recent feeding area for hungry badgers and discover which hungry rodent has been eating nuts.
Seasonal nature detective spotter sheets 	7	Taken from our Seasonal Play Booklets, created in partnership with the Woodland Trust
Animal homes	7	A photo board of animal homes you are likely to come across on your walk for visual matching
Magnify glasses 	15	Use these to look for teeth marks on nibbled food, for tiny mini-beasts living in tree moss, at scratched bark and other nature detective finds.
Finger puppets 	7	A set of woodland finger puppets to help explore the needs for life. Create a <i>shelter</i> using natural materials for each animal, use our mirrors to represent <i>water</i> , <i>'oxygen'</i> to attach to the green leaves that makes it and gather a suitable source of <i>food</i>