



## Ten forest challenges for winter

**Challenge 1** Dress up a tree or branch for winter – lend it your hat, gloves, scarf and coat, then take a photo.

**Challenge 2** Find some pretty pieces of wood and cones, take them home and make a winter table decoration. You could even spray it silver, or add coloured ribbons and wool.

**Challenge 3** Do animals and birds a favour – break the ice on frozen puddles so that they can drink the water (it's quite fun too!)

**Challenge 4** Go to an event in the forest – all sorts of things happen in Forestry Commission woodlands – car rallies, husky dog races, mountain bike competitions, Christmas events...

**Challenge 5** Run around to keep warm – run to the tallest tree, then to the shortest tree, then to the fattest, then the thinnest, then to one with moss growing on it, then to one with no leaves on it...

**Challenge 6** How many things can you do to get your feet off the ground? Can you swing from a branch, balance on a fallen log, jump up high or do a handstand?

**Challenge 7** Some animals hibernate in the winter, but plenty will still be out looking for food. Visit the forest on a snowy day – look for animal footprints. Then make your own footprints and leave a trail for your friends and family to follow.

**Challenge 8** Find five trees which keep their leaves through the winter (evergreen) – can you identify them?

**Challenge 9** Find a stack of cut timber (wood) – count how many logs are on it. What do you think they will be made into?

**Challenge 10** Go out into the forest in the dark – don't forget your torch! What can you hear?