Design an Ancient Woodland Trail

Instructions for Teachers & Task Leaders

Scene Setting

Ancient woodlands are special places that have been around for hundreds of years! They are home to amazing trees, animals, and fungi. Once they're gone, we can't bring them back - so people work hard to keep them safe.

Activity:

Secrets of the Ancient Woodland Trail - Activity Sheet
Activity: Map Your Ancient Woodland
Now it's your turn to design a map of an ancient woodland. Katie has shown you what makes these woods so special - now use those ideas to build your own woodland on paper.
On your map, you should:

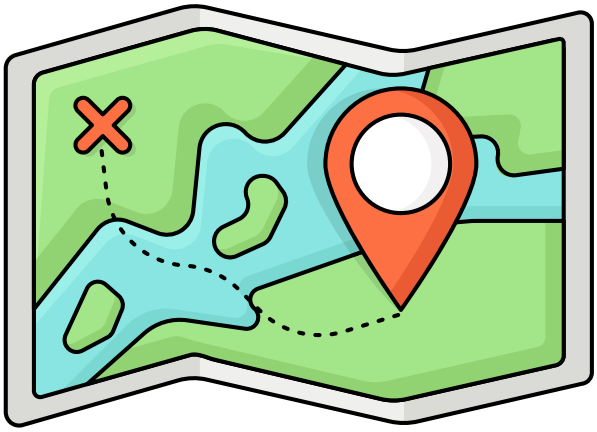
- Add the key features of a healthy ancient woodland - such as old oak trees, bluebells, fungi, dead wood, streams, or animals like red squirrels and water voles.
- Draw the trail path - show where visitors would walk.
- Mark protection points – for example, fences or signs to guide people, posters to help visitors learn about wildlife, or even interactive artwork (like a giant willow sculpture for people to sit under).
- Choose a trail name - something inviting, like The Bluebell Path.

💡 Extra challenge: At each feature, write a fun fact you remember from Katie's session about why ancient woodlands are important.

Careers Spotlight:

Community Engagement Officer

- Works with people to protect local habitats
- Shares knowledge about ancient woodland
- Needs people skills, passion, and environmental knowledge



Curriculum Links

- Science: Habitats, biodiversity, ecosystems
- Geography: Human use of land, conservation
- PSHE: Community involvement, sustainability

Reflection

Why do you think ancient woodland is so important to protect?

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