



## **Fantastic Forestry**

Do any three challenges to earn your badge!

### **Explore**

- Hike through a local park or forest. What do you notice about the trees, foliage and wildlife? How does the forest change throughout the summer?
- Lay a light colored sheet or tablecloth on the ground beneath a tree or low-hanging branch and gently shake it. Observe what falls off. What kinds of bugs rely on the forest habitat?
- The library has many books about the forest in its collection. Pick one up at your local library, or download an eBook.

### **Write**

- Using items found in the forest such as sticks, rocks, leaves or flowers, write a short message for someone else to find.
- A haiku is a poem that is usually about nature. It is made up of three lines. The first line has 5 syllables, the second has 7 syllables, and the third has 5 syllables. Write your own haiku about the forest.
- Make a list of forests that you'd like to visit such as the Daintree Forest, Redwood National Forest, Great Bear Rainforest, or Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve.



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## Create

- Create a crayon rubbing of leaves you find on the ground. Do this with several different kinds of leaves. How are the leaves the same? Different?
- Find a stick outside and then use some wire to wrap buttons or beads around it to construct a musical instrument.
- Record the sounds of the forest and produce your own soundtrack. How many of the sounds can you identify?

Visit your local branch to pick up your badge!