



## NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT

*In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks.*

JOHN MUIR



Scavenger hunts are ideal activities to incorporate in family adventures and as an activity at your child's birthday celebrations or other special events. They are a great way to encourage exploration, discovery and excitement. For birthday celebrations they are more intriguing and creative than a simple search for hidden sweets.

This game invites children to uncover wonderful natural treasures hidden all around them. Armed with nothing but a list and paper-bag, children will be challenged to find a selection of natural items, which become innately precious through the act of discovery.

### PREPARATION

1. A scavenger hunt list: Download ours [link] or create your own based on your party's setting. Consider the seasons and check out the spot to get a good idea of what the children will find.
2. Paper bags from the supermarket or online
3. Print and cut out the lists, then glue to the bags.
4. As an alternative to printing and gluing the lists, have the birthday child write the list on each bag, perhaps even adding some extra ideas of their own.

### ON THE DAY

This game does not need to be played by all guests at once, perhaps leave the bags in a basket, to be discovered in due course. Once a few have started, the others will gradually join in. This diffuses the competitive aspect, creating space for deeper observation and appreciation of the natural surrounds.

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# NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT - SPRING INSPIRED LIST

[to cut out and put on a bag]

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2. A wand for a fairy
3. A chewed leaf
4. An interesting piece of bark
5. A seedpod or nut
6. 4 different shaped leaves
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