

The Enchanted Woodland



What is an enchanted woodland?

Have you ever gone into the woods and felt you were being watched? You probably were! All around an enchanted woodland, you will find an amazing variety of living things from dreaming trees to delicate flowers, hardworking mini-beasts to shy woodland creatures. If you listen extremely carefully, you might even hear the flutter of teeny-tiny fairy wings or the cheeky giggle of a wood-elf! All of this makes an Enchanted Woodland magical.

What trees do you find?

You must have heard about the wise, old oak tree. No? Well, oak trees are famous for being wise because they know everything. If you ever need a solution to a problem, just sit quietly under its enormous branches and the answer will come to you. Sometimes, you might have to be a bit patient though. There are lots of other trees too. Beech, Birch, Willow and Chestnut trees are just some of species that can be found growing in an enchanted woodland. Did you know that they all have their own individual personality? Beeches are bossy, Birches are bashful, Willows are worrisome and Chestnuts are just plain cheeky!

What animals do you find?

What you will see depends on what time of year you visit. In the cold, blue depths of Winter, you'd see very few living animals because many will be hibernating somewhere cosy. However, in the green of Summer, it's buzzing with life! Rainbows of birds whizz through the air, prickles of hedgehogs scurry through the petals and, if you are really quiet, you might see the black and white snout of a badger.

When does the magic happen?

Just when the sun rises and sets is the best time to see the delicate and precious magic of an enchanted woodland. You won't spot witches with cauldrons but if you pay careful attention, you'll notice little hints of magic here and there. These can include the smell of cooking when no fires are in sight, a shimmering rainbow with footprints on it or sprinkles of glitter on the toadstools. Just remember to be patient and ever so quiet!

If you do go down to the woods today, you're sure to find a big surprise! Please remember to keep it just as you found it so everyone can enjoy its magic and wonder.

