

## SCAVENGER HUNT!

# Sticks

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**Test your observation skills and look for these sticks on the ground while you are hiking:**

- A stick shaped like a Y
- A stick that has been chewed by an animal (deer, bark beetle...)
- A stick the same size as your thumb
- A perfectly straight stick
- A stick that looks like a snake
- Sticks from 3 different kinds of trees
- A stick on the ground that still has leaves or needles
- A stick that has bumps on it
- A stick that is hard to break
- A stick that is decomposing

**Want to have more fun with sticks? Find a few special sticks from the ground and try some of these activities:**

- Paint your sticks in different colors. Place them in a vase, and you have a stick bouquet.
- Practice your whittling skills. Carefully make a spear and aim for a target.
- Build a shelter for a fairy or for yourself.
- Take some sticks home and use them to write in the mud or spell the word “hello” or other message for your neighbors.
- Play pick up sticks.
- Make a natural paintbrush by tying different types of evergreen needles to the end. Notice the different textures when you paint.
- Turn your stick into a magic wand.
- Find the perfect walking stick. Take it home and decorate it by carving, painting, or adding yarn and beads.



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