

Your Scavenger Hunt Checklist



Grab your checklist and head outside on a wild adventure. Your challenge is to find all the natural treasures on this list. There's no need to collect the items, just tick them off the list. To take part in our Scavenger Hunt Photo Contest, just snap a picture when you're out and about and upload it to [sciencenature.theweekjunior.co.uk/scavengerhunt](https://www.sciencenature.theweekjunior.co.uk/scavengerhunt).

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Glistening sea glass

Also called "mermaid's tears," sea glass is nature's way of recycling. Find these smooth, glass pebbles on the beach in coastal towns across the UK.

2

Living armour

Lots of living things have their own natural armour. Find something with a tough outer shell – a pinecone, conker shell, acorn cup, tough-coated woodlouse, crab or crustacean.

3

Nature spiral

Find a natural spiral pattern. Look closely and you might spot one in a coiled snail shell, a curly fiddlehead fern, or whirling inside a sunflower head.

4

Shapeshifting cloud

Watch the sky and find a cloud that has a pattern or shape resembling something completely different.

5

Woodland umbrella

Find a mushroom that looks like it could keep a tiny woodland creature completely dry in a rainstorm. Take care not to touch any fungi, and wash your hands carefully if you do touch one by mistake.

6

Camouflaged critter

Spot an insect or small creature that blends in perfectly with its surroundings, like a green caterpillar hiding on a leaf or a moth on a tree trunk

7

Twisted twig

Search for a fallen twig or branch that has grown in a twisted, spiral, or zigzag pattern instead of straight.

9

Shimmering rainbow

Can you spot shimmering rainbows on a beetle's back, on a butterfly's wing, in a muddy puddle, on a peacock feather or a pearly shell?

8

An animal's front door

Look for signs of where an animal lives, such as a hole in a tree, an ant nest, or a spider's spiderweb tunnel in the grass but remember to leave wild homes undisturbed.

10

Sky dancer

Look up! Can you spot a dragonfly zipping past, a fluttering butterfly or diving, dancing swifts at sunset?

RESPECT NATURE

It's important to take care when out on your scavenger hunt. Here's some advice on how to look after nature.

- Do not disturb wildlife.
- Be careful where you tread; stick to paths.
- Dress for the weather and take spare clothes to keep warm, safe and dry.
- Make sure that an adult knows where you are at all times.
- Take photos but nothing else, and don't leave any rubbish.

