



an almost-winter walk in the woods



Color in the snails to mark what you find on your woodland stroll



Moss

Look for cushion moss under oaks and conifers, or on rotting wood logs.



Fungi

Look for bracket fungus on dead branches or trees. Scour the ground for toadstools.



Drey

Look for an untidy, twiggy squirrel nest about the size of a football nestled in the crook of tree branches.



Bird's nest

Look for bird homes in bare tree branches.



Birds

Listen and look for birds, especially around bushes and shrubs with berries.



Berries

Look for the red berries of hawthorn, dog rose, and holly shrubs. Or find the powerful dark purple berries of the nefarious privet bush.



Squirrels

Look for squirrels around trees which drop nuts or in areas where there are possible winter foods for storing.



Winter shelters

Warm, cozy places for non-hibernating mammals to snuggle up and store food during the cold winter days and nights. Check around tree roots and old, rotting stumps.