

Backyard & Park Treasure Hunt

8 rhyming clue cards. Works in your yard or any park with a playground.

Grown-ups: how to play

- Cut out the cards. Keep Clue 1.
- Hide Clue 2 at the biggest tree, Clue 3 at the slide's bottom, then flowers, a big rock, under a bench, under a swing and under the picnic table (Clue 8).
- Keep the treasure with you. Hand over Clue 1 and stay close by!



Clue 1



I'm tall and strong
with leafy hair,
squirrels and birds
all live up there.

Find the biggest
one you see —
your next clue's waiting
by my knee!

Clue 2



Climb the steps,
then whoosh — wheel!

Down you zoom
as fast as can be.

Look at the bottom
where you land —
your next clue
is close at hand!

Clue 3



Petals pink
and yellow too,
bees come buzzing,
so will you!

Near the flowers —
gently, please —
your clue is hiding
by the leaves.

Clue 4



I'm hard and heavy,
gray and round,
I sit forever
on the ground.

Find the biggest
rock you see —
the next clue's hiding
next to me!

Clue 5



I'm long and flat,
you sit on me
when you need a rest
beneath a tree.

Peek underneath
my seat to find
a clue somebody
left behind!

Clue 6



Pump your legs
and touch the sky,
back and forth,
so low, so high!

Check the ground
below my seat —
your next clue's hiding,
small and neat!

Clue 7



Sandwiches, juice
and a watermelon slice —
eating outside
on me is nice!

Look underneath
my wooden top
for the clue that leads
to your final stop!

Clue 8



You found them all —
hip, hip, hooray!

You're a super explorer
today!

Run to your grown-up,
quick as can be —
they're holding the treasure.
Yippee!

Nature Scavenger Hunt

Spot it, then check it! How many can you find?



Find it or spot it



Pinecone

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Feather

☐


Smooth rock

☐


Red leaf

☐


Acorn

☐


Something spiky

☐


Yellow flower

☐


Y-shaped stick

☐


Snail shell

☐


Ladybug

☐


Clover

☐


Funny cloud

☐


A red bird

☐


Butterfly

☐


Squirrel

☐

draw what
you found!

Something round

☐

Grown-ups: a quick safety note

- Stay within sight of your child, and keep away from water edges and roads.
- Look, don't pick: leave flowers, nests, bugs and feathers where they are (wild bird feathers stay put; take a photo instead).
- Only collect fallen pinecones, leaves, sticks and rocks, and in parks, follow the park's rules.
- Watch for fire ant mounds and poison ivy ("leaves of three, let it be"). Never touch mushrooms or berries.
- Houston heat: bring water, sunscreen and bug spray, and take shade breaks.
- Wash hands when you're done!