

THE CREATIVE TOURIST TRAVEL ACTIVITY PACK

OFF FOR AN ADVENTURE IN THE SPELLBOUND FOREST?

PLAY ALONG THE WAY WITH CREATIVETOURIST.COM

#1. MAKE A MONSTER.

Take off your jumper or top, put your arms into your sleeves, tuck the ends into your hands and, voilà: your own hand-puppet monster. You can use your socks too (a slightly smelly monster is all the better for scaring the grown-ups).

#5. MAKE A TIN-FOIL SCULPTURE

Recycle your sandwich foil, chocolate wrappers and drinking straws into mini-sculptures or wearable artwork. Make the grown-ups wear the results.

#2. CREATE A ONE-WORD STORY

Rope in everyone in your group and get them to create a story – with each person taking it in turns to add just one word at a time. And if that's too easy, then choose three things from your bag that have to be included in the tale. Who will say what? Which way will the story go? You won't know until you reach the end!

#6. PLAY WINDOW BINGO

This is one you need to have prepared earlier. Ask a grown up to print everyone a copy of the window bingo on the next sheet and play as you travel.

#3. BUILD YOUR OWN FOREST.

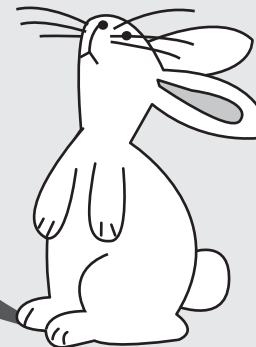
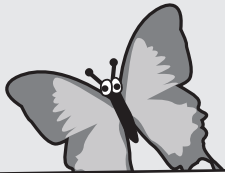
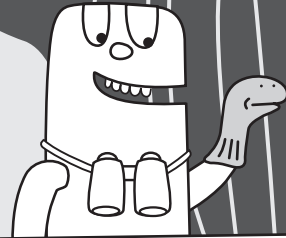
Imagine what a spellbound forest might look like – now 'build' it with whatever you can (bags, clothes, cartons, snacks, Daddy's new smart phone... OK, without the phone – you wouldn't want to break his Angry Birds app, would you?).

#7. GET LYRICAL

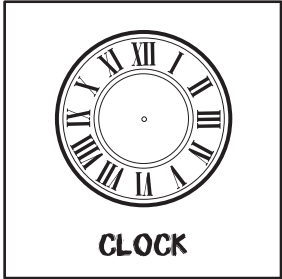
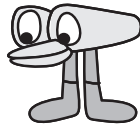
Invent your own limerick about the Spellbound Forest on the way there – and then rewrite it on the way back. Email it to us at info@creativetourist.com and we'll post your verse online. (See next page)

#8. DEEP IN THE DARK WOODS

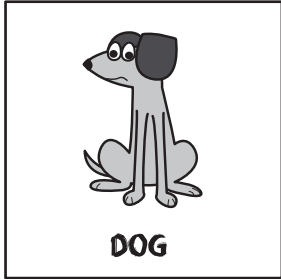
Blindfold one person. Everyone else make the sound of a different night-time animal. Can the blindfolded person guess what you all are, and who made which sound?



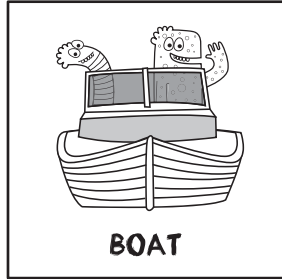
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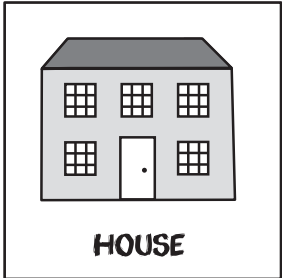
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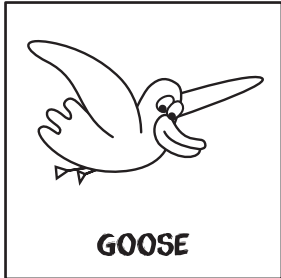
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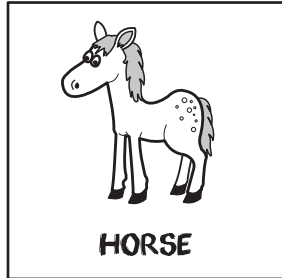
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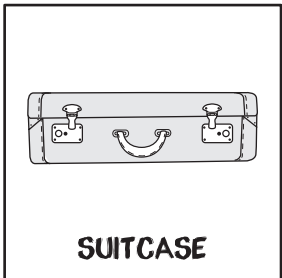
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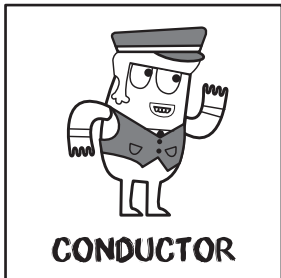
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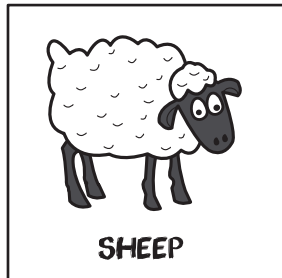
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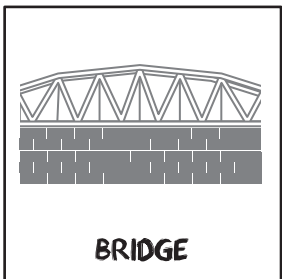
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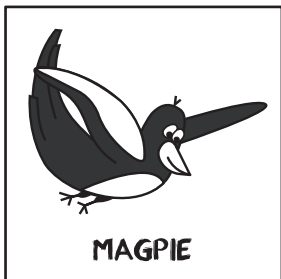
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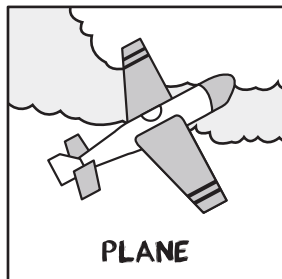
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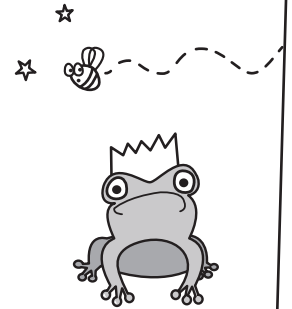
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#7. GET LYRICAL

Invent your own limerick about the Spellbound Forest, then draw your characters in the space below.

Example:

There once was a boy named Lee,
Who saw a frog sat under a tree.
The frog cast a spell,
And said farewell
To the boy who now flew like a bee.



OK, now your turn

There once was a named

Who

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cultural activities for families via Creative Tourist. Just join our mailing list at

creativetourist.com/spellbound

The first ten people to subscribe via this link will **WIN** a copy of our Manchester Mini Explorer pack (full of games and trails for kids). Here are some examples of the great things chalked on our calendar this summer.

SEA ODYSSEY

22 April, Liverpool.

Spectacle doesn't get bigger than this. Three giant puppets (each 30 feet high) roam the streets of Liverpool - in a live performance that promises to be utterly unforgettable.

giantspectacular.com

THE SPELLBOUND FOREST

19-20 May, Delamere Forest, Cheshire.

For one weekend only, Delamere Forest is transformed into a magical place whose twisting paths lead to an enchanted world of fairy tales, where men can become birds, tears become rivers, and children whirl at the elven ball. Watch, listen and join in to create a new English Fairytale, dance a new dance, and sculpt a marvellous creation to live in the forest long after the magic has faded.

spellboundforest.org.uk

WE FACE FORWARD

2 June - 16 September at venues around Manchester

There's West African-themed fun all over Manchester's museums and galleries this summer as part of London 2012. Families can make art, make music, make friends and even make a mess at Manchester Art Gallery and Whitworth Art Gallery, and find out all about the exploits of Anansi, the spider man of African folklore at the Manchester Museum. Download the full programme details - it isn't only for the kids.

wefaceforward.org

NATIONAL FOOTBALL MUSEUM

Opens on 6th July 2012. Manchester

In July, Manchester celebrates the countdown to London 2012 with the opening of the National Football Museum, the world's finest collection of football artefacts and archives. Admission is free, but make your trip even more memorable by buying a ticket for Football Plus: test your speed, reactions and accuracy; score a penalty like the best in the game; and have a go at commentating.

nationalfootballmuseum.co.uk

ONCE UPON A WARTIME

Until 2 September. The Quays

If you are heading to Old Trafford to soak up the Olympic atmosphere don't miss Imperial War Museum North's compelling exhibition about war in classic and modern children's literature. Supplemented with items from the museum's collections kids can get a close look at a tail fin from a German bomb, evacuee labels and a training horse from the First World War.

iwm.org.uk/exhibitions/once-upon-a-wartime

WATER FOOLS

10th and 11th August, Keswick

Stay up a little bit late and watch the surface of Derwentwater transform into a fantastical watery-wonderland. Upon the lake, underneath the stars, everyday objects become mythical creatures, cars pull caravans, gods march into battle and a 5-metre high Queen watches over her magical aquatic kingdom from the seat of a giant penny-farthing.

nwfor2012.com/whatson/waterfools

JUST SO FESTIVAL

17-20 August, Rode Hall, Cheshire

Now in its 3rd year of delivering truly magical, outdoor adventures for families, with boutique camping to boot. That means all the essential (and the nice-to-have) touches have been thoughtfully provided to make your arts festival experience, and that of your children, pitch perfect.

justsofestival.org.uk

MINTFEST

31 August - 2 September, Kendal

Celebrate the last weekend of the long school break with a final outdoor hurrah at this 2-day street theatre extravaganza which takes over every nook and cranny of this charming Cumbrian town.

lakesalive.org/our-events/mintfest-2012

ON THE NIGHT SHIFT

9 September, Preston

And saying goodbye to London 2012, the world premiere of a new show by Les Commandos Percu is just one of the amazing closing events at the North West's WE PLAY Expo. Not a firework display. And not a concert. On the Night Shift combines the two to create a magnificent spectacle for your eyes and ears as fireworks dance to a thumpingly good soundtrack.

nwfor2012.com/whatson/onthenightshiftpreston

GO BY TRAIN TO THE SPELLBOUND FOREST

SATURDAY 19TH MAY

Delamere Forest is well connected with its own station within the heart of the forest. Not only that, but if you travel to the Spellbound Forest by train, you will get a Spellbound Forest goody bag with discounts from the traders and official merchandise. Just bring your train ticket to the information tent at the event. Here are the times for **regular/direct** trains along the scenic mid cheshire line to Delamere station:

Manchester Piccadilly
Every 60 minutes

Stockport
Every 60 minutes

Altrincham
Every 60 minutes

Knutsford
Every 60 minutes

Northwich
Every 60 minutes

Chester
Every 60 minutes

Outward Journey
17 minutes past the hour
Approx 1hr 9min

Outward Journey
30 minutes past the hour
Approx 56min

Outward Journey
46 minutes past the hour
Approx 40min

Outward Journey
59 minutes past the hour
Approx 27min

Outward Journey
12 minutes past the hour
Approx 14min

Outward Journey
07 minutes past the hour
Approx 16min

Return Journey
23 minutes past
Approx 1hr 13min

Return Journey
23 minutes past
Approx 58min

Return Journey
23 minutes past
Approx 41min

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23 minutes past
Approx 25min

Return Journey
23 minutes past
Approx 13min

Return Journey
26 minutes past
Approx 19min

Suggested **first** train out from Manchester Pic: **09:17**
Suggested **last** train back to Manchester Pic: **17:23**

Suggested **first** train out from Chester: **10:07**
Suggested **last** train back to Chester: **17:26**

SUNDAY 20TH MAY

Suggested **first** train out from Manchester Pic: **09:22**
Suggested **last** train back to Manchester Pic: **17:23**

Suggested **first** train out from Chester: **11:07**
Suggested **last** train back to Chester: **16:28**

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