

Kids Explore!



Animal Homes Scavenger Hunt

Winter is a great time to look for animal homes. Take a walk in a park or your neighborhood and try to find these homes or clues that homes are nearby. Then use the questions to help figure out whose homes you've found!

- 1) **A nest in a tree:** These are much easier to find when the leaves are gone. Guess who nests you're seeing based on their sizes.
- 2) **A pile of dirt:** Dig around and see if you can find a hole.
- 3) **A web:** See if you can find the web's creator hiding nearby.
- 4) **A hole in a tree:** Do you think some critter made the hole to live in, or did something move into a hole that was already there?
- 5) **A rotting log:** Poke around gently and see if anyone is at home.
- 6) **A hole in the ground:** Based on its size, how big is the animal that made the hole?
- 7) **A pile of rocks:** Carefully move a few rocks and see if anyone is living underneath. Put the rocks back when you're done exploring.
- 8) **A pile of leaves:** Gently move the pile around with your hands to see who's hiding.
- 9) **A blackberry bramble:** Are any critters coming or going from the bramble? Or do you hear any noises inside?
- 10) **Tunnel in tall grass:** Who might fit into this tunnel?



Possible answers: 1) bird/squirrel, 2) gopher/mole, 3) spider, 4) raccoon/owl/squirrel, 5) bugs/salamanders/snugs, 6) ants/fox/mice, 7) lizards/bugs, 8) bugs/mice, 9) birds, 10) mice/voles

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