

Ballyhoura Forest

Orienteering – Primary School Level

Your Name

Today's Date

There are 13 Control Points for you to find on this Adventure Challenge.

You will need the Medium Course Map to complete this Workbook.









Control Point 1 – Sound Map

At this control, you are going to create a map of sounds which you can hear. The post at the centre of the sound map represents the post at this control. Can you identify 5 separate sounds? Record the sounds you can hear on the map. Are they natural sounds or man-made sounds?

Answer 1:	
Answer 2:	
Answer 3:	
Answer 4:	
Answer 5:	
Each sound scores 3 points	

Control Point 2 – Deciduous and Evergreen

At this control point there is a line of deciduous trees next to the control point and some evergreen trees on the opposite side of the trail. Can you list 3 differences between a deciduous and evergreen tree?





Answer 1:	
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Answer 2: _____

Control Point 3 – Leave No Trace

Leave No Trace is an outdoor programme designed to promote and inspire responsible recreation in the outdoors through education and awareness. You all know to put your rubbish in a bin, but sometimes people think it's ok to drop certain types of rubbish in the forest. Do you know how long it takes for the items pictured below to decompose? Match up the times with the items.



Control Point 4 – Diurnal and Nocturnal Creatures

Ballyhoura Forest has creatures which are active at different times. Creatures which are active during the daytime are Diurnal and creatures that are active at night are Nocturnal. Can you tell whether the 5 creatures below are Nocturnal or Diurnal?



A. Long Eared Owl

Answer:_____



C. Jay

Answer:_____



B. Wood Mouse

Answer:_____



D. Bank Vole

Answer:_____



E. Pipistrelle Bat

Answer:_____

Control Point 5 – Forest Cycle

This forest has trees of many different species or type. The trees are not all the same age, some are young, some are up to 40 years old and some are hundreds of years old. The forest cycle means that trees are constantly being planted, thinned, cut and then replanted again. Not all of the trees will be cut down at the same time to ensure that there are always trees in this forest.

Can you list 3 things that people use trees for in their everyday lives?

Answer 1: _____

Answer 2: _____

Answer 3: _____

Control Point 6 – Forest Food

The forest has lots of trees and plants that provide food for the birds and animals that live in the forest. Can you tell what bird or animal might eat the following foods:



A. Acorn

Answer: _____



B. Blackberry

Answer: _____



Each correct answer scores 5 points

C. Oak Leaf

Answer: _____

Control Point 7 – Native Trees

Native trees are trees that have colonised Ireland naturally since the end of the last ice age. Non native trees are trees that have been introduced to Ireland by people and have not come here naturally.

Answer: _____

Can you identify the native and non native trees from the list below.

A. Oak	Answer:
B. Sitka Spruce	Answer:

C. Ash

Control Point 8– Squirrels



Two different species of squirrel live in Ireland's woodlands; the native Red Squirrel and the larger Grey Squirrel introduced from America. Numbers of red squirrels are rapidly declining in Ireland as the larger and stronger grey squirrels steal their food and take over their habitats. Red Squirrels like to live in conifer forests as there are lots of pine seeds available, which are one of their primary food sources. Answer True or False for the following:

A. Red squirrels eat pine seeds

Answer: _____

B. A squirrels nest is called a Sett

Answer: _____

C. Grey squirrels are native to Ireland

Answer: _____

Control Point 9 - Carnivores and Herbivores

Carnivores are animals that eat other animals whereas herbivores are animals that eat plant material. In Ballyhoura Forest we have lots of carnivores and herbivores. Can you tell whether the following 5 animals are Carnivores or Herbivores?

A. Fox
Answer:
B. Rabbit
Answer:
C. Sparrowhawk
Answer:
D. Caterpillar
Answer:
E. Centipede
Answer:

Control Point 10 What do animals need to live?

All animals need certain things in order to be able to live. The 3 main things an animal needs are:

- Food
- Water
- Shelter (Home)



The Sparrowhawk is a bird of prey that lives in Ballyhoura Forest. Can you identify what food it eats, where it might find water and where it might make a home in the forest?

A. Food

B. Water

C. Shelter (Home)

Control Point 11- Habitats

A habitat is a place where animals and plants live. People also live in habitats and can create man made habitats such as towns and cities. The habitat you are in at the moment is a woodland habitat.

Can you name 2 animals that live in this woodland habitat?

Answer 1. _____

Answer 2. _____

At this control point there is a view of the surrounding countryside, can you name another habitat from what you can see?

Answer 3. _____



Control Point 12 - Animals and their homes



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There are lots of different animals that live in the woodland habitat of Ballyhoura Forest. Different animals like to build their homes in different parts of the woodland. Can you match the following animals with their homes?

A. Badger	 A. Hive
B. Red Squirrel	 B. Nest
C. Honeybee	 C. Drey
D. Fox	 D. Sett
E. Jay	 E. Den



Control Point 13 - The seasons of the forest

You are now at the last control point and have walked through the forest. Imagine you were dropped into the middle of Ballyhoura Forest and you had no idea what time of the year it was. Looking around the forest how would you know whether it was Spring, Summer, Autumn or Winter? If it was spring you might expect to see springtime flowers such as Bluebells. Now pick one clue from the forest that would help you tell the other three seasons?

Winter

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Primary Workbook Answer Sheet

		Total
Q1		
		15
Q2	<i>For example</i> Conifers are generally evergreen, have pine needles and produce pine cones	
	Deciduous lose their leaves, have broader leaves, don't produce pine cones Interesting fact - Larch is a deciduous conifer	15
Q3	Banana = 3-5 weeks Cigarette 2-5 years Black rubbish bags = 10-20 years	
		15
Q4	A= Nocturnal B= Nocturnal C= Diurnal	
	D= Diurnal E= Nocturnal	15
Q5	<i>For example</i> Timber, Paper, Hurleys, Furniture	
	Timber, Faper, Huneys, Furniture	15
Q6	For example	
	A= Red Squirrel, B= Wood Mouse C= Caterpillar	15
Q7	A= Native, B= Non Native C= Native	
		15
Q8	A= True, B= False, C= False	
		15

Q9	A= Carnivore	
	B= Herbivore	
	C= Carnivore	15
	D= Herbivore	
	E= Carnivore	
Q10	For example	
	A= Other Birds	
	B= In ponds and at the stream	15
	C= In a nest high in a tree	
Q11	For example	
	Fox, Badger, Farmland	
		15
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Q12	A= D	
	B= C	
	C = A	
	D= E	15
	E= B	
Q13	For example	
	Summer = Leaves on trees. Autumn = Changing colours of	
	leaves. Winter= No leaves on trees.	15
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