

Friends of Longford Park

Forest Masks

Lesson Plan

Approximate duration:	One hour.
Suitable for:	Key Stage 1 and 2
Learning objective:	To make a forest mask.
Overview:	Children gather natural materials from around the park and use these to make a forest mask that they can wear. Actually making the mask could be carried out in the classroom.
Location:	Anywhere in the park, the southern area of the park in front of the former Longford Hall would be particularly suitable.
Materials required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One paper plate per child.• Scissors• Glue• Paints or colouring materials (optional)• String or elastic (optional)
Session Plan:	<p>Remind children about hygiene and health and safety.</p> <p>Children gather dead leaves and other lightweight organic material. Remind children not to take the leaves or other material from living plants.</p> <p>Make eyeholes in the plate so that each child can see when they put the plate in front of their face.</p> <p>Glue the leaves and other material onto the mask. This could be done in the park or later in the classroom.</p>



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Extension Activity: Paint or colour in the plate using natural colours. This can be done either before or after the organic material is attached.

Children could be asked to create a forest or woodland character using the following prompts and describe their character to the rest of the group:

- What is your character's name?
- Where in the park do they live?
- What do they like to do?
- What do they eat?
- What do they think of the other animals (including humans!) that live or visit the park?

Children could develop role-plays using their masks and characters.

