

Find a comfortable place near a tree or a bush and sit quietly for several minutes. Use letters or symbols to describe the sounds that you hear, but don't try to name what is making the sounds.

Grab a handful of leaves from the forest floor. Smell their rich scent. Try to find other interesting smells in the bosque. Draw pictures or use words to describe several of these.

Find a Friend . . .

Find a natural object that can fit in your hand such as a rock, leaf or feather, or anything that looks neat. Get to know it. How does it feel? How does it smell? What colors do you see? Carry your friend with you for a while, but *be sure to return it to its bosque home before you leave*. Draw a picture of your friend here, or use words to describe it.

My Bosque Discovery Booklet



Name _____

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How many shapes of leaves can you find? Can you find a lacy leaf? Tape some here or draw their pictures.

Walk near the edge of the river (*carefully*). Which way is the water flowing? Where do you think the water comes from?

A drop of rain that falls in southern Colorado could float all the way to the sea ...
What about a drop of rain that falls on Sandia Peak?

Look at all the different kinds of ants in the bosque. Can you find where they are? Look on the ground, in trees, in bushes—anywhere!
List some differences you see among the ants.
Shape? Color? Size? Location?

Can you make a rainbow?

See how many colors you can find around you. Glue or tape samples here to create your own rainbow. Use colored pencils to capture colors for those you cannot catch, like the sky or a butterfly.



Dig down under the layer of leaves on the forest floor. Use a magnifying glass to look for small treasures there. Draw pictures or use words to describe several of the neat things that you find.

Where are all the animals? They are all around us, but we often don't see them. Still, we can find signs that they were near. Look for signs of animals . . .

a feather
a footprint on the trail
a chewed leaf
a hole in the ground
some scat

Find a tree with rough bark. How does it feel against your hand? Against your cheek?

Find several other interesting textures and draw pictures or use words to describe them here.

Find a large tree with heart-shaped leaves. Stand with your back against its trunk and see how its branches seem to reach to the sky.

Pretend you are a tree and reach your branches up into the sky. How does it feel to be a tree?

Dig your roots down deep and sway with the wind. Could you stand strong against winter storms?

Would you like to provide a home for birds and insects and spiders and mammals and lots of other critters?

Lie down on the ground and look up to the sky. How does the forest look from this viewpoint?

Many of the critters in the bosque are tiny, so their view of the world is very different from ours.

How many legs did the animal have? Can you tell what kind of animal it was, based on the number of legs?



Can you find the skin of an animal that looks like this? Where did you find it?

Have you seen anything that doesn't seem to belong in the bosque? Draw or describe it (or them) here.

Animals live throughout the bosque. *Can you find evidence of their homes?* Draw some here or use words to describe them.