

50 things to do before you're 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ - Snail Race

Find your snails

You can find snails hiding under leafy green plants or in trees. Snails like the cool and wet, so you won't often find them in the sunshine, so if you can remember that when you race them then they'll be happier.

Mark out the track

Snails move super slowly, so don't make your track too long or you'll have to watch for hours while they race.

If you're having trouble telling your racing snails apart then you could stick small stickers on their shells, but remember to take the stickers off after the race. A snail's shell is its home and helps protect it from harm.

Look after your snails

Just like top athletes have their favourite conditions for a race, snails do too! So, keep the track wet, don't leave the snails racing in full sun light.. Once the race has been run/crawled then please pop your snail racers back where you found them so they can go home and tell their family how they've done.



50 things to do before you're 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ - Go on a wintry adventure

Just because it's cold outside it does not mean you can't get out and have wintry adventures! In fact, lots of things look different and even more incredible during the winter months so it's a great time to explore.

For example, if you're looking for wild animal clues, you will notice that a spider's web is even more beautiful when it's covered in frost. It can also be easier to see animal tracks when the ground is bare in winter.

Will you make some wild art? Frost-covered leaves and grass have very interesting textures. Consider taking a small bottle of food colouring along and making frozen ice paint to give your art added colour.

Or perhaps you can make a home for a wild animal - they need a safe, cosy and warm spot in winter more than ever.



50 things to do before you're 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ - Find some funky fungi

Mushrooms (or toadstools) can be found almost anywhere, but they love to grow in damp, dark and murky places best. Look for them in damp spots at the bottom of your garden.

You could help fungi to grow by leaving logs and branches to rot in a shady corner outside. Beetles and other little creatures will love you for it - they'd happily munch on mushrooms all day and the old logs will make a cosy home for them too.

When out on a fungi hunt, you will hopefully come across some really cool varieties with spectacular colours and unusual shapes. Will you find the jazzy yellow Lemon Disco, the Brain Mushroom (you can guess what that looks like), or the white and spiky Bearded Tooth fungus? There's so many strange and interesting varieties out there.

Make sure you check with an adult before you set off on your adventures, and please don't touch fungi you find in the wild!

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