

Leaves of all colors and shapes crackle under your feet as you walk. The crisp, blue sky peeks through a blanket of branches above you. Woodland animals scurry to their nests and dens.



No wonder so many fairy tale characters live in the forest! The forest is a magical place.

## What Are Forests?

Forests are large areas of land covered with many trees and other plant life. In the forest, tall trees rise above plants that grow much closer to the forest floor.

Small forests are also known as woods.



Did you know that there is more than one kind of forest?

Some forests have trees whose leaves change color in the **autumn**. By winter, most leaves fall to the ground. Then the trees rest until new leaves grow in the spring.

