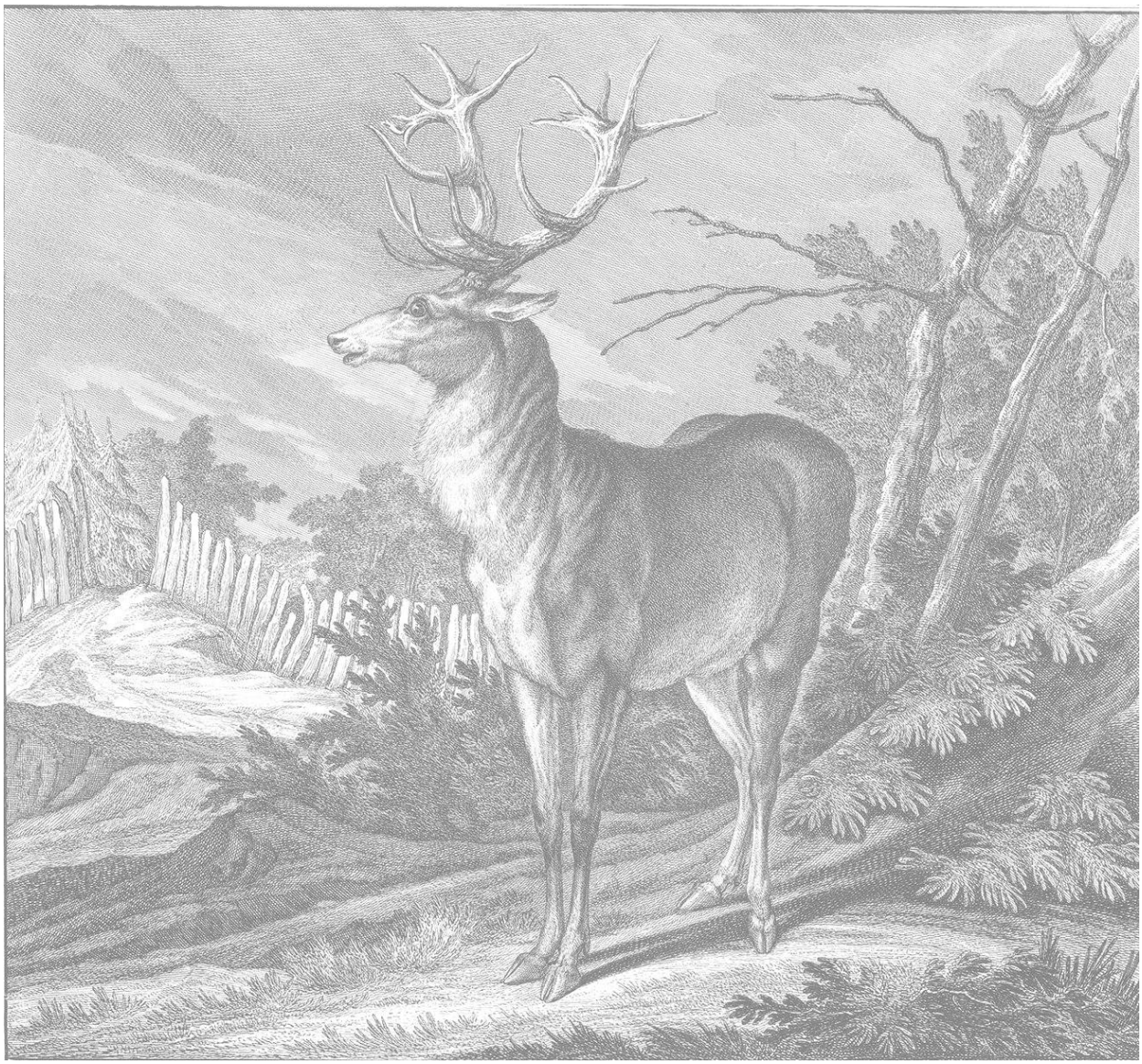
Fontainebleau Live

Explorer’s booklet

of the Forest of Fontainebleau



This booklet belongs to: _____

Ages 6 to 11
colouring, animal tracks, games and a diploma

BEFORE YOU SET OFF

My expedition

Date: _____

Exploring with: _____

Where: _____

Today's weather (circle it):

☀ **Sunny**	🌥 **Cloudy**	☂ **Rainy**	❄ **Cold**	**Windy**

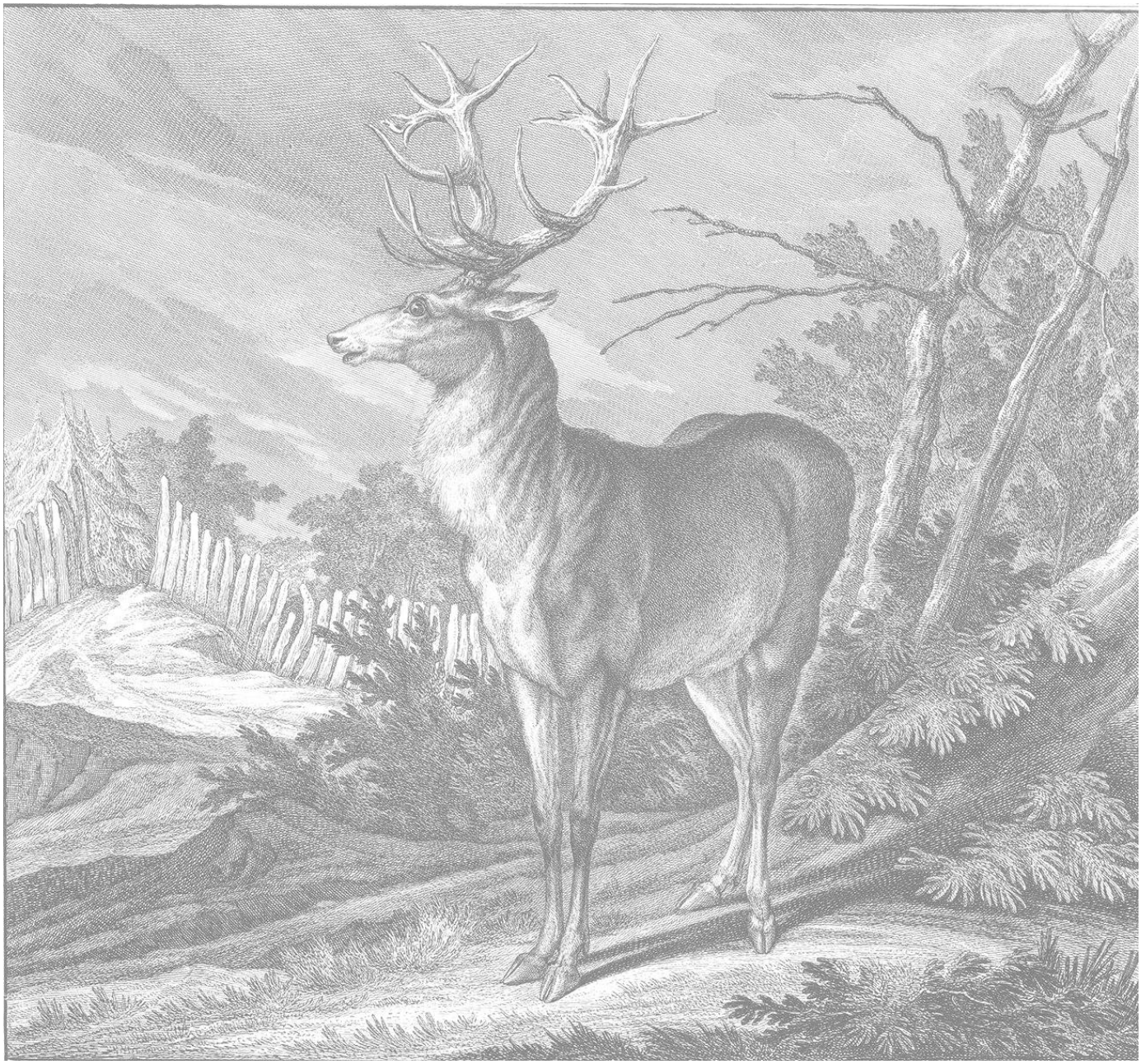
Draw the most beautiful thing you saw

The explorer's rules

- Watch from a distance and quietly: the animals are at home.
- Never feed wild animals.
- Stay on the paths and take your litter home.
- Keep this booklet and a pencil handy during the walk.

COLOUR THE ENGRAVING

The red deer



Did you know? A stag's antlers fall off at the end of winter and grow back every year. In autumn, my voice rings out across the clearing: that's the rut bellow! It can be heard from mid-September to mid-October, mostly at dusk.

This picture is an engraving more than 250 years old. Pick your colours: brown, red, green… or any colours you can imagine!

COLOUR THE ENGRAVING

The wild boar



Did you know? Baby wild boars are called piglets (marcassins in French). Their pale stripes hide them among dead leaves; the stripes fade after a few months.

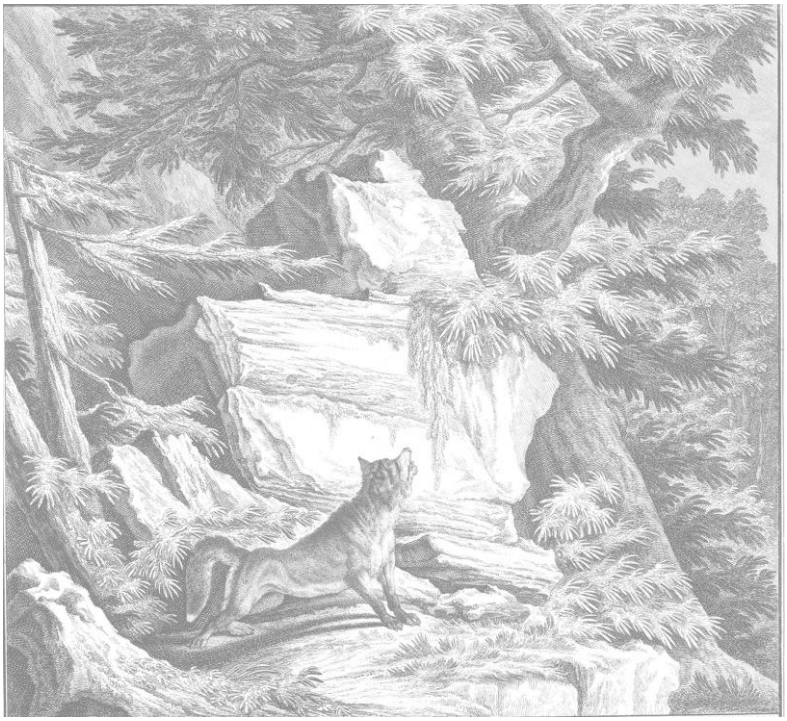
The roe deer



Did you know? The roe deer gives a call that sounds like a dog's bark. The white patch on its rump is called the mirror: you can see it from far away when it runs off.

COLOUR THE ENGRAVING

The red fox



Did you know? A fox can hear a mouse moving under the leaves. It leaps into the air and lands on it front paws first: this is called mousing.

The badger



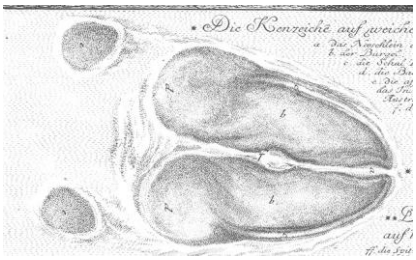
Did you know? A badger's burrow is called a sett. Badgers come out mostly at night, and the same sett can be used for years, made bigger little by little.

DETECTIVE WORK

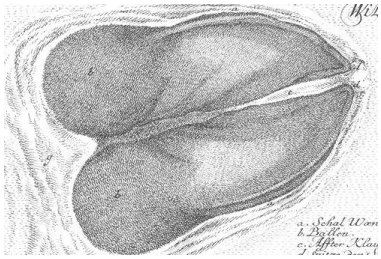
Whose tracks are these?

Draw a line from each footprint to the animal's name. Clue: the red deer and the wild boar walk on two big hooves; the fox, the badger and the squirrel leave toes and claws.

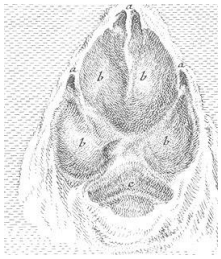
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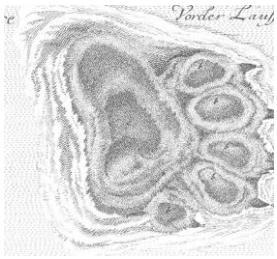
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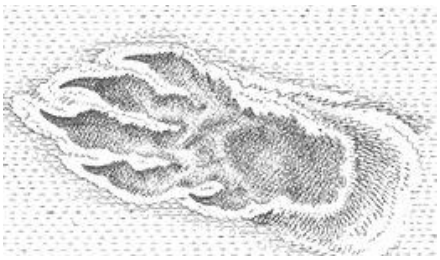
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- The red fox
- The red squirrel
- The red deer
- The badger
- The wild boar

In the forest, after the rain, look for footprints in the mud on the paths.

The drawings come from old engravings by Johann Elias Ridinger.

DURING THE WALK

Forest bingo

Tick a box each time you find something. A full line: bingo!

An acorn ○	An oak leaf ○	A pine cone ○	A feather ○
Some moss ○	A fern ○	Some heather ○	Sand ○
A mushroom (look, don’t touch!) ○	A big rock ○	A rock shaped like an animal ○	A hole in a tree trunk ○
A spider’s web ○	A bird singing ○	A footprint in the mud ○	A tree wider than your arms ○

NATURE WORKSHOP

Leaf rubbing

1. Pick up a leaf from the ground (never pull one off a tree).
2. Put it under this page, veins facing up.
3. Gently rub over it with the side of a coloured pencil: the leaf appears!

Leaf no. 1 · its tree: ……	Leaf no. 2 · its tree: ……

Stick your most beautiful leaf here (or draw it)

In the Forest of Fontainebleau, you will mostly find oak and beech leaves, and pine needles.

NATURE WORKSHOP

Which leaf is this?

Link each leaf to the name of its tree, then colour it in. Clue: look closely at the edges — rounded waves, sharp teeth, an almost smooth edge… or needles!

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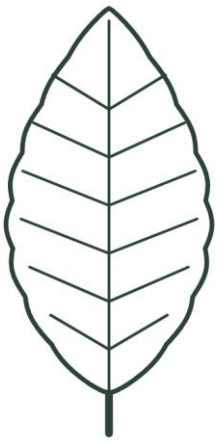
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- The oak
- The beech
- The sweet chestnut
- The Scots pine

Did you know? Every tree has its fruit: the oak gives acorns, the beech beechnuts, the sweet chestnut chestnuts and the pine pine cones. Look for them on the ground during your walk!

Draw a leaf you found on your walk · its tree: ……

GAME

Forest word search

Find the ten animals. The words read from left to right, from top to bottom or diagonally.

E	L	I	U	B	A	D	G	E	R	L	T
O	C	W	L	B	O	E	O	G	C	T	L
D	D	K	O	U	E	A	K	S	B	U	V
K	F	R	C	O	K	E	R	K	A	T	B
P	O	O	E	S	D	U	T	R	E	M	S
R	X	O	U	Q	C	P	M	L	M	S	T
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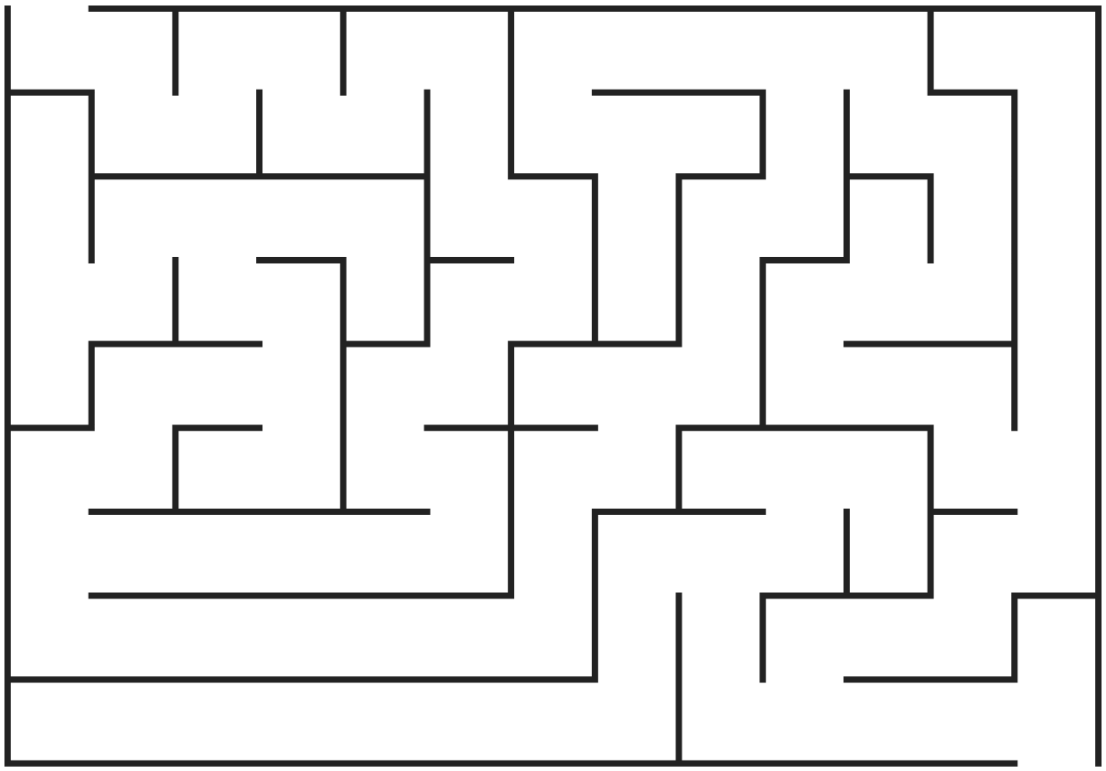
□ DEER □ BOAR □ ROEDEER □ SQUIRREL □ FOX
□ BADGER □ OWL □ JAY □ BEETLE □ WOODPECKER

GAMES

The squirrel’s maze

Help the squirrel (top left) find the hazelnut it hid (bottom right).

Start



Finish

Who am I?

I hunt at night without making a sound, and you can hear me go “hoo-hoo”. _____	I drum on tree trunks with my beak. I am the largest woodpecker in Europe. _____
I am a bird with blue feathers on my wings, and I plant oak trees without meaning to. _____	I am an insect, but I have “antlers” on my head, just like a stag! _____

FONTAINEBLEAU LIVE

Diploma

Explorer of the Forest of Fontainebleau

This diploma is awarded to

_____

who observed the forest, recognised its animals and followed the explorer’s rules.

On _____



Explorer’s signature

Expedition leader’s signature

FOR THE GROWN-UPS

Answers

Whose tracks are these?

1: the red deer · 2: the wild boar · 3: the red fox · 4: the badger · 5: the red squirrel.

Who am I?

The tawny owl · The black woodpecker · The jay · The stag beetle.

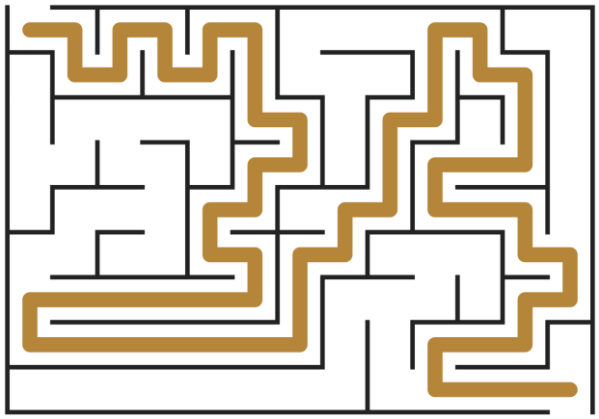
Which leaf is this?

1: the sweet chestnut · 2: the oak · 3: the Scots pine · 4: the beech.

Word search

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P	O	O	E	S	D	U	T	R	E	M	S
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The maze



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