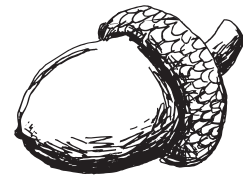


Fairy Homes

15-45min + / 1+ People / Outside



Did you know nature is full of fairies?

These small, rarely seen beings are throughout our forests, ravines, creeks, parks and even backyards! Some fairies are thousands of years old and some are being born as we speak.

These fairies are able to live in the natural landscape as they are (that's how they've survived for so long) but sometimes we make homes for fairies and they love that too!

To start learning about the history of fairies, which originated in the folklore of the peoples of what is now called the United Kingdom, click here!

Get Started

In essence, making a home for a fairy is simple.

1. Find a place outside - it can be in your backyard or at a nearby park
2. Start making a home for a fairy!

Ideas to help you along

Does your home have a door?

A roof?

A kitchen table?

Multiple rooms?

Does the house have a name? Do you know the fairy's name?

Are there multiple homes for multiple fairies?

What else can you build for your fairy? A skating rink? A tobogganing hill? A rollercoaster?

Materials:

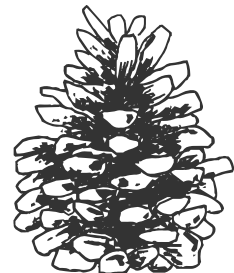
No materials are needed from home, but this activity is best done in an area where small shelters can be built (tree stumps, backyards etc.), and with loose small natural objects (stones, twigs, acorns etc.)



Leave No Trace

At Pine, we seek to take care of outdoor spaces as best as we can. This can look many different ways, including safely picking up garbage as well as limiting our time spent off trail. We also do our best to intentionally decrease our impact on a landscape and often frame this to participants as a challenge: Let's make it look like we were never even here!

In relation to fairy homes, this may come into play in varying ways depending on the location of your fairy home. If you're making fairy homes in public areas we suggest you keep in mind this idea of Leave No Trace.



*Magic of Fairies

Imagination is such an important component of play and development in kids. It's an important building block for other skills as they grow, such as creative problem solving, empathy, and non-binary thinking. Making fairy homes is a time to imagine a being (each with a different picture in our head) and create the perfect home for them. Ask questions to your acorn about what they would like or not like. How much texture and dimension is your acorn ready to help create for your fairy?

This experience can be extended and deepened in a variety of ways, including having your child receive notes from the fairy (perhaps with some motivation to build it a home), having some components moved around -- by the fairy of course! -- or food being eaten or half eaten. Guess what, adult human - you get to put on your magical imagination cap too!



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