Focus

- Forest Appreciation
- Sensory Awareness
- Empathy

When

Daytime

Where

Forest/Wooded Area

Group Size

2+ people

Ages

4 and up

What You Need

Blindfolds

Why it's great:

This simple activity sparks connection, curiosity, and fun turning a tree into a lifelong memory.

Meet a tree

What to do

You'll connect with nature in a deep and personal way by using your senses – especially touch – to "meet" a tree. This activity builds empathy, sharpens awareness, and leaves a lasting emotional impact.

How to Play

Pair Up

One person is the Explorer (blindfolded), the other is the Guide.

Blindfold & Lead

The Guide silently leads the Explorer to a special tree – one with unique bark, shape, or features.

Explore the Tree

The blindfolded Explorer uses their hands to explore the tree:

- Feel the bark's texture
- Hug the tree to sense its size
- Touch branches, leaves, knots, and roots

Return & Remove Blindfold

The Guide leads the Explorer back to the starting point, possibly by a different route.

Find Your Tree

With eyes open, the Explorer tries to locate their tree.

Switch Roles

Let everyone experience both roles. Invite brief sharing or reflections if time allows.



Tips

- For young children, pair with an adult.
- Let kids guide adults if supervised.
- Adjust walking distance by age/ability.
- Optional prompt:
 - "Somewhere in this forest is a tree that's been waiting to meet you."

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