

## In the dusk of the forest



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### Evening walk

After dinner, if you feel like it, head out into the woods again, which everyone is pretty familiar with by now.

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We interrupt the walk with a short stop. Each member of the group goes off by himself for a while, trying to take in the special atmosphere of the forest at this time of day. After about fifteen minutes, we reconvene and report on our experiences. In particular, we want to compare how the forest "performed" during the day and what kind of "face" it shows now.

Forest object story On the way back, we look for an object that reminds us of something or for which a story can be made up and told.

Late in the evening around the campfire these stories can then be told.

### Forest Artists

To create a proper forest atmosphere around the campfire later, we all dress up as fantasy forest creatures. The disguise consists exclusively of forest material. Depending on how much energy we still have, we make almost unrecognizable forest sculptures out of ourselves. To still find enough forest material, it should not be too dark, otherwise use flashlight.

- Forest memory at dusk
- Predators and prey
- Daily review

(See PDF file for details)

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