

Let's Go on a Treasure Hunt!

For Michigan residents, our forests and the things that grow in them are a real treasure. Many of the things you use every day, like your pencil and eraser you know come from forest products. But even things you may not think of, like soap and paint come from forest products too!

Below is a list of things that grow in Michigan's forests. Now, get your parents and head out on a hunt for **TREASURES IN THE WOODS**.



Acorns

Acorns are a nut, 1—6 cm long and are found on and around Oak trees.

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Sugar Maple Leaf

Leaves are 3-5" wide. Top surface is bright green, underside is a paler green.



Morel Mushroom

Usually found in the Spring in damp areas near dead or dying Elm trees, or in apple orchards.



Pinecone From a White Pine

Needles of a White Pine are a soft bluish-green or silverfish-green and clustered in 5. The cone is 12—20 cm and slightly curved



Silver Maple Leaf

These leaves are silver on the underside. This tree grows in wet soil and is used to make things like boxes and crates.



Red Cedar Fruit

Actually not a Cedar, but a variety of Juniper. The fruit looks like a small dark blue berry. Red Cedar is often used to build furniture and is very fragrant.



White Ash Leaf

Leaves are 15—40 cm long. Often grown as a shade tree, the wood is strong, hard and elastic giving it many uses.



A Tree Stump At Least 25 Years Old

Each ring on the stump of a tree indicates 1 year or growth. The rings develop when a tree stops growing in the winter months.