

Want to build your very own outdoor den?

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Here's some stuff to be careful of when building your den:

- Find fallen branches to use for your den - please don't pull branches off - as we don't want to damage our lovely living trees.
- Steer clear of any big bits of wood or anything too heavy that you cannot lift.
- If you're struggling to carry a long stick by yourself, ask a friend or adult for help, so they can hold the other end for you.
- When carrying sticks watch out for uneven ground or tree stumps you could trip over.

Take a photo of your den to win a prize!

Enter our competition:

Share your den making photos with us on Instagram [@severntrent](#) using [#STwildplay](#) and the name of the visitor site, to win an outdoor explorer kit and annual parking pass.

One winner will be picked and contacted on Instagram. For more information and T&C's visit stwater.co.uk/wildplay





Tremendous den building

Be a real Nature Detective and make your own woodland den

Get building!

1
Find a good foundation

This will form the base of your framework, so keep your eyes peeled for a strong tree with suitable nooks, crannies and knobbly bits.



2
Build your framework

Find a couple of large branches and wedge them firmly together against the tree. If your chosen tree has a strong, low branch, even better! You can use this instead.



3
Build the walls

Collect more branches and rest them against your framework. Make sure you pack them closely together so that they're strong and secure.



4
Protect your den from the elements

Use smaller branches, twigs, leaves and moss to cover your den. Remember to push them into any gaps so that your den shelters you from wind and rain.



Please don't cut anything down or damage anything while building your den.

Now you've got the basics, get experimenting!

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