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Activity
Den Building

pegs/string
Bamboo/sticks
Tarpaulins/old sheets

A family challenge to make something you can all fit into. It doesn't matter if it is waterproof or strong. The more time you spend the more creative children become.

Next time you might try a stronger shape or decide on a different location.

The fun is often in the making, but it is nice to have a snack in once it is finished.

Fact

The next full moon on 3 July is named the Buck moon. So called by Native Americans as it was believed male deer regrew their antlers around this time. Though different species re-grow at different times.

Why not visit

Corrog Wood

Deer Park Rd, Portaferry

12 000 native trees were planted in 2000, you can find Oak, Rowan, Scots Pine, Hazel and they have a discovery trail to find them.



A Dryad (Tree Nymph) found at the entrance will protect the forest according to Greek Mythology.

The 0.2km path is easy bringing you around a small pond. The 0.6km & 0.7km trails have a short steep hill with some rough paths. The trails overlap so all can be achieved in 1.2 km.



Short walks means time to make den, so pack some tarps.

Leave no trace - careful not to break branches and don't leave anything behind.



A nice stop if going for a drive along the Ards Peninsula, maybe heading to Portaferry or cloughey beach for an ice-cream or coffee.