



## Fallen Leaves

During the fall, trees lose their leaves to prepare for winter. Have you ever taken the time to look at all the different kinds of leaves on the ground? There are many colors, shapes, and sizes of leaves. Naturalists often do Leaf Rubbings to record what they have found in their journals. First gather a few materials. You will need a crayon and some paper or use the paper in your journal. Go outside and find some different leaves on the ground. Observe the different shapes and colors. Some may be more decomposed than others. Also notice the veins in the leaves that carried water and nutrients through the leaf when it was on the tree. Now put a leaf underneath the paper and put it on a hard surface. Rub the crayon over the leaf to get a nice imprint of your discovery. Write about the leaf and where you found it. Do you know what kind of tree it came from? Look it up in a book or online to find out more about your tree.

**My leaf rubbing:**

**Leaf description:**

**Tree identification:**