

Before you look through the different research methods you may want to ask yourself these questions to help you choose which are appropriate:

Questions	Your answer
About your participants	
Will you meet your group before they come to the woods?	
Can people in your group communicate their ideas/answer questions directly? Can they read and write?	
Are you going to see your participants after the woodland activity has finished?	
Do you want your research to be a 'visible' part of your woodland activity (or in the background)?	
Does the group exist outside of the woodland sessions? e.g. a school class that you could re-visit as opposed to unconnected families coming for a day out.	
Do your participants already know each other? Will they feel comfortable talking in front of each other?	
Would your participants enjoy playing games?	
About the research	
What information do you want to collect?	
Do you want to record/track change over time?	
Do you want to collect information/data in one session or over several sessions? (are you researching a one-off event or a multi-day, long project?)	
What information can you record from the method you choose and how long will it take to analyse? (Do you have the time?)	
Are your research methods appropriate for your research participants? (Will they feel comfortable?)	
How much time do you have? (Some methods are quick to use in sessions but take a long time to analyse and visa versa e.g. it's easy to	

<p>take video but this can take a long time to re-watch - however it can provide good evidence).</p>	
<p>Think about what your personal strengths/background can you use this to decide on or devise your own.</p>	
<p>Do you work with someone else? Some research methods are more suitable for people who are leading sessions as well as doing research.</p>	