

Ten Tree Facts

- 1.** The most common tree in The Mersey Forest is the Oak.
- 2.** Trees and shrubs are perennials which means that they don't die in winter but just keep on going.
- 3.** In fact trees are the longest living organisms on earth, and the ancient bristlecone pines in the USA are up to 4000 years old
- 4.** Dendrochronology is the science of calculating a tree's age by counting the rings inside its trunk.
- 5.** The tallest trees in the world are the giant redwoods in California, which can grow to about 112m, and the Eucalyptus in Australia, which can reach 107m.
- 6.** Trees can make you feel better too, and hospital patients who have windows that look out on to trees heal faster, require shorter stays, and fewer painkillers.
- 7.** The smelliest tree in the world is said to be the Ginkgo, which is why it has earned the nickname 'The Stink-bomb Tree.'
- 8.** Rainforests once covered 14% of the earth's land surface. Now they cover just 6% and experts estimate that the last remaining rainforests could be consumed in less than 40 years.
- 9.** Nearly half of the world's species of plants, animals and micro-organisms will be destroyed or severely threatened over the next quarter century due to Rainforest deforestation.
- 10.** But by recycling just one tonne of paper, we can save 17 trees.

