

## Make Your Own Peacock A Sapling Activity To Do With The American Chestnut Tree



<http://www.al-shia.com/html/eng/books/hadith/nahjul-balagha-for-kids/peacock.gif>

**Tree Location:**

**Tree Number:**

### Did you know...

Not too long ago the American chestnut tree was abundant and popular. There was about one American chestnut for every four Oaks. It was so popular that at times you could look up at the Appalachian Mountains and it looked like the mountains were snow capped but it was just a canopy of the American chestnut tree. There is no longer an ample supply of these trees because in 1904 the Chestnut Blight struck, which was a deadly fungus to the tree. For decades scientists have been working on a blight resistant tree in hopes to bring back the population of American Chestnut trees.

### Materials:

- 1 toilet paper roll
- Markers
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- 3-4 sheets of white oak tag paper

### Activity:

First you need to find a leaflet that you will be able to trace. (Before taking one from the tree look around on the ground to see if any have fallen off so we don't hurt the tree!!) Then you want to take the leaves off one by one and trace the different sized leaves. (To make a full set of feathers, you may want to trace each leaf twice.) Design and color all of your leaves. Then cut them out. Trace the head of the peacock and color it in to match the coloring of your feathers. Cut it out. Now you want arrange your feathers like a fan and glue them together. When they are all dry glue the toilet paper roll to the middle of the fan. Now glue your head onto the other end of the toilet paper roll.

Your peacock is complete! You can use it as a decoration, or you can put a rock inside the toilet paper roll and make it a paperweight. You decide!