



# Poohsticks

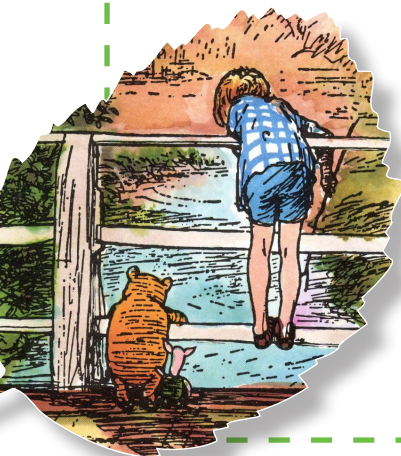
**A classic game invented by Winnie the Pooh!...  
no childhood is complete without a game of Poohsticks!!**

## You will need

A selection of sticks, a friend or two, a bridge over a stream or river where you can see down to the water from both sides - Moors Bridge at the top of Moors Lake is perfect.

## How to play

- 1 Choose a stick and take a good look at it so you know what it looks like
- 2 Get everyone who is playing to stand on the upstream side of the bridge holding their stick over the edge.
- 3 Someone counts down from 3 and on "Go!" everyone drops their stick into the water at the same time (no cheating!).
- 4 Run to the other side of the bridge (downstream) and keep looking to see whose stick is the first to emerge downstream from underneath the bridge. The person whose stick emerges first is the winner!



*"And that was the beginning of the game called Poohsticks, which Pooh invented, and which he and his friends used to play on the edge of the Forest. But they played with sticks instead of fir-cones, because they were easier to mark."*

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'The House at Pooh Corner' by A.A.Milne and E. H. Shepherd

**Top tip: make sure you don't drop your stick into the stream where there are lots of overgrown plants which might get caught around your stick.**