

## **Natural Playgrounds Store**

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## **Hollow Log**

FTTP-HL

Shipping Weight: 300 lbs

Shipping Dimensions: 36"L X 28"W X 28"H Brand: Natural Playgrounds Company

**Toxicity: non-toxic** 

Age Appropriateness: all ages

There is nothing like a hollow log! It smells fabulous, looks phenomenal, it's fun to be inside it, and it is certainly a VERY natural play element.

Kids get to see wood grain and growth rings up close, see how branches connect to the tree trunk, and even see what a tree looks like on the inside!

Keep in mind, that just as each tree is different, each of the 3' long or 4' long hollow logs which have a ~23" diameter core (through which even fit adults can crawl) is different, because each one is uniquely-shaped on the outside -- which is why it's such a fabulous addition to your playground!!

The Hollow Log usually comes with bark on it, which looks very nice, but when the log dries and shrinks, it MAY start falling off. If you want us to peel and then treat the log on the outside, we offer that option.

Keep in mind that these heavy logs are usually round or close to it, so with some effort they could be rolled. If you perceive this to be an issue, we suggest ordering the stabilizers running the length of the log on 2 sides.

Maintenance: You may notice occasional mold growing on the surfaces of the log. This is completely normal. A mixture of 1: 1 bleach and water applied with a stiff brush will wipe it away!

Lastly, these are heavy items, so we ship them by freight. If you don't have a loading dock, ask the shipper for a lift gate which will lower the pallet to the ground. If that's not possible, get lots of strong people to help unload. The bigger ones might weigh up to 500+ pounds.

But they are well worth the weight :))

A NOTE about sap:

All trees have sap. It's the liquid that circulates inside the tree to distribute water and nutrients. It's how they feed themselves. It's the "blood" of a tree.

We make our hollow logs from large pines that are being removed from construction sites, so you're going to see and maybe feel some sap/pitch.

We heat the sap with our commercial heat gun until it crystallizes. If you have issues, you can do the same, possibly using a

regular heat gun or a small propane torch.

To remove sap from hands? Try a hand sanitizer.