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Comparing Forests - Answers

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Location	Nottinghamshire, UK	Across nine countries. Brazil has 60%, Peru has 13%, and Colombia has 10%, while other countries have very small parts.
Age	12 000 years	55 million years
Size	4 square kilometres	5.5 million square kilometres
River(s) passing through it	Idle, Maun, Meden, Poulter	Amazon
Plants found there	oak, silver birch, rowan, holly and hawthorn	40 000 species. Fruit trees, plants to use for medicines
Animals found there	Spiders, beetles, bats, birds.	Insects, many rare animals
Inhabitants	Was a few thousand people in lots of small villages, now only a few villages. 500,000 people visit each year.	Was 6-9 million, now about 250 000 living in tribes. May be 50 tribes who have never been in contact with other people.
Famous for...	Robin Hood, The Major Oak, thyng site.	Medicinal plants, producing 20% of the world's oxygen.

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Location	Sherwood Forest is located in Nottinghamshire, UK. The Amazon rainforest is split across nine countries, with most of it located in Brazil, Peru and Colombia.
Age	The Amazon rainforest is over 55 million years old but Sherwood Forest is only 12 000 years old.
Size	The Amazon rainforest covers 5.5 million square kilometres, whereas Sherwood Forest only covers around 4 square kilometres today (it used to be much bigger).
River(s) passing through it	The Amazon River passes through the Amazon rainforest. Sherwood Forest has several small rivers passing through it – the Idle, Meden, Maun and Poulter.
Plants found there	Over 40 000 different plant species are found in the Amazon rainforest. Sherwood Forest is made up of far fewer plant species.
Animals found there	Both forests are home to lots of rare insects. Bats and birds live in both forests.
Inhabitants	The population of both forests has decreased over time. Over 250 000 people live in the Amazon rainforest. Only a few villages remain in Sherwood Forest but over 500 000 people visit every year.
Famous for...	Both forests are important conservation areas. Sherwood Forest has important historical links to the legend of Robin Hood. The Amazon rainforest is important as it produces over 20% of the world's oxygen and is home to many plants with medicinal uses.