

Wild & Woody Sculpture Trail

Map & clues ...

Follow the trail on the map and look out for the 15 different sculptures. Use the clues to work out what the next sculpture might be. **The first sculpture can be found to the right of the start of the trail, behind the Sparrow Hawk play equipment.** You can record your answers below...



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Lord of the treetops. Master of acorns!

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A furry family.

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A flash of orange and of white, usually seen throughout the night. A brush for a tail, an earth my underground house. Hunting for small mammals, a rat, a vole, a tasty mouse.

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Agile climber active at night. Furry, beady eyes, tiny and light.

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A brownish body bears a white cross, a spinner of silk, weaving an eight legged tapestry.

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Open your wings.

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Marvellous manoeuvres, dancing over water. A chaser, a darter, a hawkler.

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Sun veil, shade sail*.

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Wherever I go I carry my spiral home upon my back, leaving behind a slithering, slimy, glistening track.

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Specially adapted for silent flight. We find our food by listening carefully at night.

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Walk through the meadow. Leave only footprints.

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A tiny beginning of life left behind on a leaf.

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A moonlit night reveals black and white fur stripes; careful camouflage. I have no sett food, although earthworms and slugs are a delicacy.

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Take a peek underneath.

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Metamorphosis takes control of this!

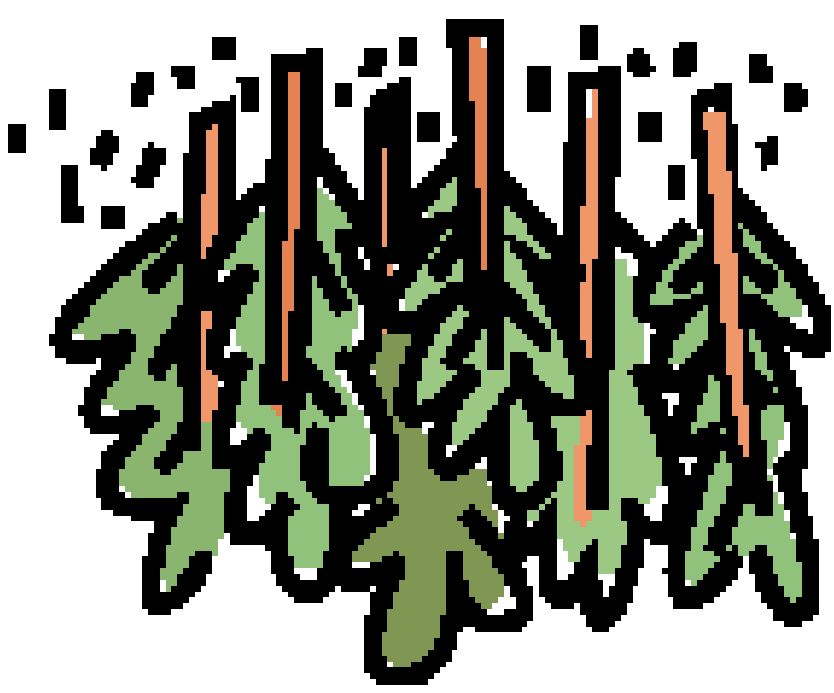
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- KEY**
- Field boundaries
 - Wild & Woody Sculpture Trail
 - Secondary adjoining routes
 - Unsurfaced paths
 - Brook
 - Wild and Woody sculptures
 - Other sculptures

* Please note that the sail on the shade sail will be removed at certain times of the year.



15 They have a **four-stage life-cycle**. The caterpillars have chewing mouth parts and most eat leaves. There are only 56 British species.

14 **Peek underneath**, but try not to disturb the mini-beasts! Some creatures that live here, such as woodlice, live in family groups.

13 They **dig small holes** (called latrines) on their usual nightly routes and leave their droppings there.

12 They are arachnids with eight legs and often up to **eight eyes**. There are more than 600 species in Britain – and not all produce webs!

11 They are very common and live in complicated **burrow systems** making nests out of moss, leaves and grass. They have large hind feet which allow them to leap away from danger.

10 They are mainly active at dawn and dusk and have adapted to most habitats. The males are called **dogs** and the females are called **vixens**.

To walk the **Wild & Woody Sculpture Trail** open up the leaflet for the trail map and clues, or just follow the **walk4life** signs

- 1 Along with moths, the creatures that grow from these belong to the order **Lepidoptera**. The parent has to find the correct food plant before they can lay their eggs.
- 2 A small note book, a pocket lens and an **ID guide** are useful when identifying these. Make a sketch that can be kept forever rather than picking a piece!
- 3 There are six species which breed in Britain (**Barn, Little, Short-eared, Long-eared, Tawny and occasionally Snowy**). They fly silently because their wing feathers have soft tips which break up the air flow over them.
- 4 They leave a trail of **slime** as they move and some species may live up to 10 years.
- 5 Keep **cool and dry!**
- 6 They can fly at speeds from 35mph to 65 mph and have **large eyes** with many lenses to spot their prey.
- 7 They have **tiny scales** on their wings which give them their lovely colours and patterns, and most have a long tongue (called a proboscis) for feeding on nectar from flowers.
- 8 There are 2 species in Britain. They give birth to young (called kittens) in nests known as **dreys**. They store food to help them survive in the winter months.
- 9 They are very sociable and live in large family groups, with a distinct pecking order. They mark their territories with **scent glands** under their chins.

Fascinating facts ...



walk4life start 1 mile

The **Wild and Woody Sculpture Trail** follows the way-marked one mile route that has been set up as part of the **walk4life** Project.

walk4life Miles are one mile long walking routes. You will see the yellow way-markers on posts along the path. The one mile route should take roughly 20 minutes to walk, plus any time you spend looking at the sculptures.

For more information look at the **walk4life** website: www.walk4life.co.uk

Walking at any pace can provide excellent health benefits, such as:

- Improved mental health
- Helping to prevent diabetes and control weight
- Increasing 'good' cholesterol
- Stronger immune system
- Reduced progression of osteoarthritis / osteoporosis
- Improved muscle strength

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Feedback Please let us know if you have enjoyed or benefitted from the Wild and Woody Wildlife Sculpture Trail!

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