


## Bellshill Gateway Nature Trail

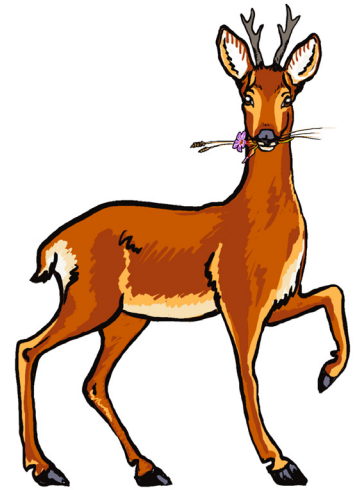
Thanks for downloading our activity sheet for the Bellshill Gateway Nature Trail, you can start the fun at any point but the guide is written from point 1 on the map in the wildflower meadow and follows the yellow route marked with deer themed waymarkers on the ground . Each activity and question are numbered on the map so you have a guide to where the answer might be found. We hope you enjoy the activities and your visit to the park.



Map of Nature Trail (Strathclyde Country Park)

**1 Activity:** Go on a Bug-hunt! Wildflower meadows are full of insect life. What can you find? Use the magnifier in the Power-Flowers board to have a good close look at any bugs or beasties you find! You can even use an old jar to catch bugs. Remember...always let your bugs go once you've had a look.

**Quiz 1:** What colour are peacock butterfly caterpillars?



Power Flowers

**2 Activity:** The bridge over the south Calder is a great place to play Pooh Sticks. Each player should pick a different looking stick and then drop them over the edge of the bridge at the same time. Now look over the other side of the bridge and watch to see who's stick comes into view first. That's the winner.

**Quiz 2:** What's the name of this river?



Otterly Adorable

**3 Activity:** Take a seat on the bat bench at dusk and look over the meadow to your left. You'll see bats coming from the tree's and swooping for insects in the air.

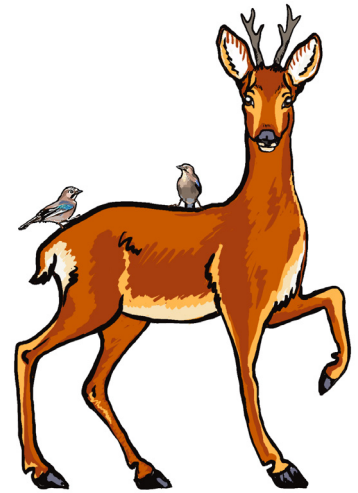
**Quiz 3:** How many species of bat can you see on the bat screen?



Bats

**4 Activity:** Make a 'Journey stick' - pick up a fallen stick and take it with you as you walk. Along the way you can pick-up other items like seeds, leaves and small stones. When you get home, attached them to your stick with string or tape and you'll have a memento of your nice walk along the trail. Remember – Only collect fallen items

**Quiz 4:** An individual Jay may hoard as many as  acorns for future feeding!



Acorn Hunters

**5 Activity:** There are 3 log carvings on the trail. Can you find the Snail, the bat and the frog?

**Quiz 5:** Which of the stripey things has short, stubby antennae?



Stripey Things

**6 Activity:** Butterflies feed on nectar from the bright colourful wildflowers here. How many different colours of flower can you find?

**Quiz 6:** How many Butterflies can you see on the butterfly screen?



Butterflies

**7 Activity:** In the boxes below, use a pencil or wax crayon to take leaf-rubbings from the top of each post.



Ancient Woodlands

<p>Oak</p>	<p>Hawthorn</p>
<p>Rowan</p>	<p>Cherry</p>

**Quiz 7:** Which tree lives the longest out of the 4?

**8 Activity:** Have you had a go at the 'close-up' photo trail? Use the QR code to find the answers. Or you can find them at

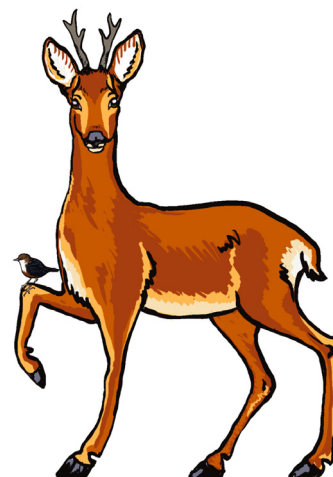
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**Quiz 8:** Which fish is on the bench?



**9 Activity:** Try some hand-made surround-sound. If you cup your hands behind your ears you can here the sounds of the water crashing over the weir in surround-sound!

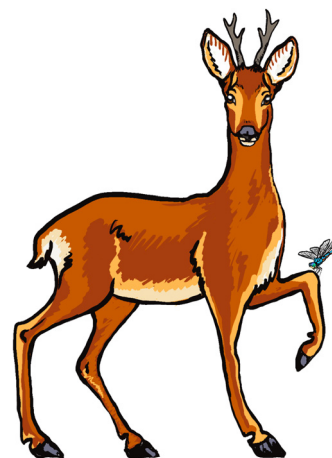
**Quiz 9:** Name 2 things dippers eat?



Up for a Dip?

**10 Activity:** The frame at 'Kings of the skies' surrounds one of the best views of the pond. Stand in the middle of the path, look through the frame and enjoy!

**Quiz 10:** What percentage (%) of Dragonfly hunting attempts are successful?



Kings of the Skies

Answers

1. Black; 2. South Calder; 3. Six; 4. 3000; 5. Hoverfly; 6. Four; 7. Oak; 8. Trout; 9. Any of (mayfly/stonefly/caddisfly larvae and small fish; 10. 95%