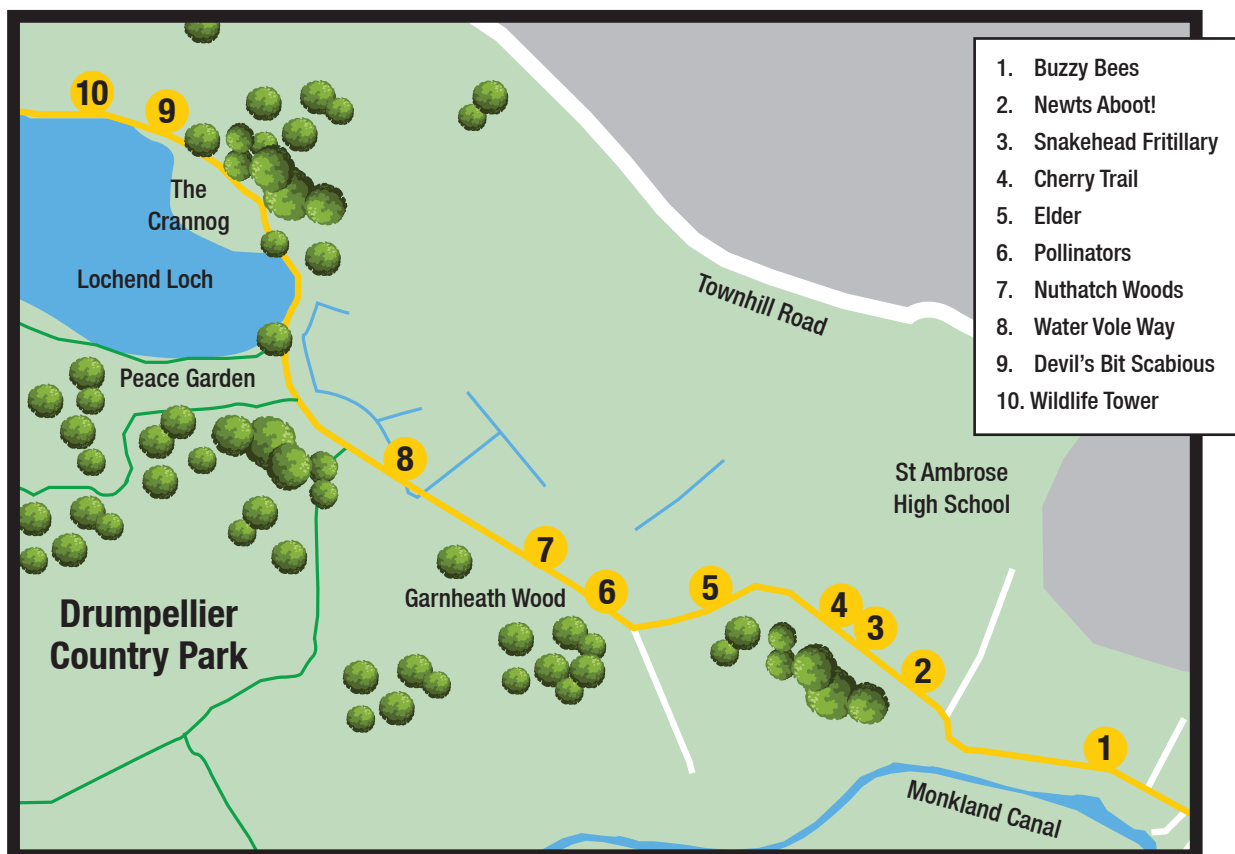


Drumpellier Country Park Nature Trail

Thanks for downloading our activity sheet for the Drumpellier 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 under the railway bridge, taking you towards the Lochside. 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 (Drumpellier Country Park)

1 Buzzy Bees

Activity: Go on a Bug-hunt! Wildflower meadows are full of insect life. What can you find? Remember...always let your bugs go once you've had a look.

Quiz 1: What part of a Bumblebee's body has a pollen-basket? Head, Leg or Wing?



Top-Tip:
You can use an old jar to catch bugs and beasties!

2 Newts About!

Activity: Gaze across the pond and wet grasslands! Can you see any dragon or damselflies hovering around?

Did you know that they are among the most successful predators on earth?!

Quiz 2: What's bigger, a Dragonfly or a Damselfly?



3 Snakehead Fritillary

Activity: Take a rubbing from the Snakehead Fritillary post. Did you know: These plants have had loads of other local names across the years including '*frawcups, leper's bells, oaksey lily & minety bell*', amongst others.

Quiz 3: When are you most likely to see these flowers blooming?

- a) April-May
- b) June-July
- c) August-September

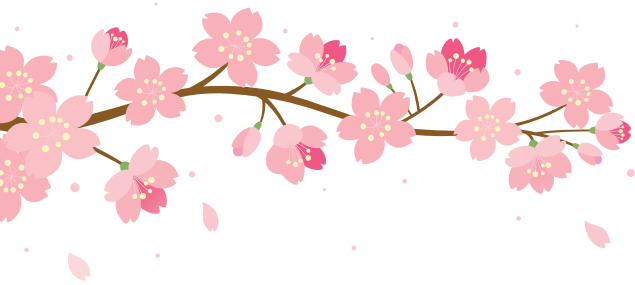


4 Cherry Trail

Activity: Take a rubbing from the Cherry post.

Did you know: Cherry tree's are a particular favourite of Blackbirds, Mistle Thrush and Redwings.

Quiz 4: Which other type of tree is planted alongside the Cherry in this row?



5 Elder

Activity: Take a rubbing from the Elder post

Did you know: it was thought that planting an Elder near your house would keep the Devil away.

Quiz 5: How long can Elder live for?



6 Pollinators

Activity: Take a look at the solitary bee homes within the 'Pollinators' board. Can you see any solitary bee's coming in and out? Or has a mother bee capped the hole to keep her eggs safe inside?



Did you know: there are over 200 species of solitary bee in the UK!

Quiz 6: We know Bees and Butterflies are pollinators. Do Moths help pollinate our plants too?

7 Nuthatch Woods

Activity: Take a rubbing from the Nuthatch post

Did you know: A Nuthatch only weighs 20-25 grams. That's the same as a AA battery!



Quiz 7: What colour is a Nuthatch's breast?

a) Blue b) Chestnut c) White

8 Water vole Way

Activity: Stand still and quiet as you look down the roadside ditch. Look towards the edges for water vole in Summer months. They're fast and great at hiding, but you might just get lucky!



Did you know: Water vole don't just live along waterways. Here in North Lanarkshire and the East of Glasgow, they are known to use town parks and open grasslands!

Quiz 8: What colour are water vole droppings?

a) Brown b) Black c) Green



9 Devil's Bit Scabious

Activity: Take a rubbing from the Devil's Bit Scabious post

Did you know: this flower has a purple head and looks like a pin-cushion!



Quiz 9: Devil's bit scabious gets its name from:

a) It's said the Devil bit off part of it's root?

OR

b) It's root has horns?



10 Wildlife Tower



Activity: The wildlife tower has a nest-box camera so we can view the amazing wildlife which use it. It has been used by Barn owls in the past and we have kestrel and sparrowhawk nesting in the park too! Go into the visitor centre and look at the nest-box camera screen. What's in the wildlife tower today?



Did you know: The flight of a Barn Owl is almost completely silent. Making them excellent 'stealth' hunters of small mammals like voles, mice and shrews.

Quiz 6: What does a barn owl weigh the same as?

a) a pineapple b) a can of juice c) an xbox controller

1) Leg 2) Dragonfly 3) April-May 4) Rowan 5) Up to 60 years 6) Yes, moths are excellent pollinators too! 7) Chestnut 8) Green 9) A - it's said the Devil bit-off part of it's root 10) C - an xbox controller

Answers