

# WILD WALK

WELCOME TO THE MIXENDEN HEBBLE BROOK TRAILS.  
GET ACTIVE OUTDOORS AND CONNECT WITH  
THE NATURE ON YOUR DOORSTEP!

**WORDSEARCH**  
Ten woodland animals are hidden in the wordsearch. Can you find them?

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- FROG
- MALLARD
- NEWT
- MOLE
- HARE
- FOX
- OWL
- SQUIRREL
- BAT

**START**



**BAT AND MOTH TAG**  
Choose one person to be the bat. Everyone else is a moth. The bat counts to 10 to let the moths run away. The bat then flaps around and tries to catch the moths and if they are caught, they become a bat too!



**FOX'S FOOTSTEPS**  
Choose one person to be the fox. Everyone else is a mouse. The fox faces a tree and shuts his eyes. The mice stand 3 metres away and try to sneak up on the fox. If the fox turns round, the mice stand as still as statues, or they have to go back to the beginning.

## SCAVENGER HUNT

 LEAF <input type="checkbox"/>	 ANT <input type="checkbox"/>	 BIRD <input type="checkbox"/>
 LOG <input type="checkbox"/>	 TREE <input type="checkbox"/>	 GRASS <input type="checkbox"/>

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## YOU'LL FIND 12 POSTS ALONG THE WAY

### **BROWN HARE** (*Lepus europaeus*)

With its attractive golden-brown coat, and white tail, the brown hare is larger than the rabbit, with longer legs and longer ears which have distinctive black tips. Its young are called leverets.

### **COMMON FROG** (*Rana temporaria*)

The common frog is probably the most well-known and widespread amphibian here in The UK. You may spot frogspawn in local ponds during the springtime, which will grow into handsome adult frogs.

### **COMMON PIPISTRELLE** (*Pipistrellus pipistrellus*)

The common pipistrelle is one of the smallest and most common bats here in the UK and the one you are most likely to spot flying around urban neighbourhoods and parks.

### **GREAT CRESTED NEWT** (*Triturus cristatus*)

Great crested newts are amphibians and are the largest of the three species of newt here in the UK. They have dark brown-black, warty skin and can grow up to 15 cm in length.

### **GREEN WOODPECKER** (*Picus viridis*)

The green woodpecker can often be seen hopping about lawns and other grasslands searching for ants to eat. You can't mistake its olive green back, yellow rump and bright red head.

### **GREY SQUIRREL** (*Sciurus carolinensis*)

The grey squirrel is an agile mammal that can often be seen jumping around from branch to branch up in the treetops. They make small, rough nests in trees called dreys.

### **HEDGEHOG** (*Erinaceus europaeus*)

Hedgehogs are sadly becoming increasingly rare, but if you are lucky you may spot this prickly mammal after dark 'snuffling' around looking for worms, beetles and other bugs to eat.

### **MALLARD** (*Anas platyrhynchos*)

The male mallard duck has a bottle-green coloured head. In contrast the female is a mottled-brown colour. Both are common on local rivers and ponds - sometimes with over ten ducklings in tow.

### **MOLE** (*Talpa europaea*)

This small mammal spends most of its time underground burrowing its tunnels with its large spade-like paws and looking for its favourite food - earthworms. You may however spot its molehills above ground.

### **RED FOX** (*Vulpes vulpes*)

With their orangey-red fur and bushy tail, foxes are becoming increasingly common in urban areas. They are our only wild member of the dog family and are most active at dawn and dusk.

### **SPECKLED WOOD** (*Pararge aegeria*)

The speckled wood butterfly has brown wings which are adorned with a beautiful pattern of creamy circles called eyespots. It likes partially shaded woodlands and dappled sunlight.

### **TAWNY OWL** (*Strix Aluco*)

The tawny owl, with its speckled brown appearance, typically lives in woodlands, parks and gardens. Listen out for its well-known call of 'Twit-twoo', 'Twit-twoo' once it is dark.



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