

# SUMMERHILL TRAIL

Your go-to guide for family outdoor adventure!

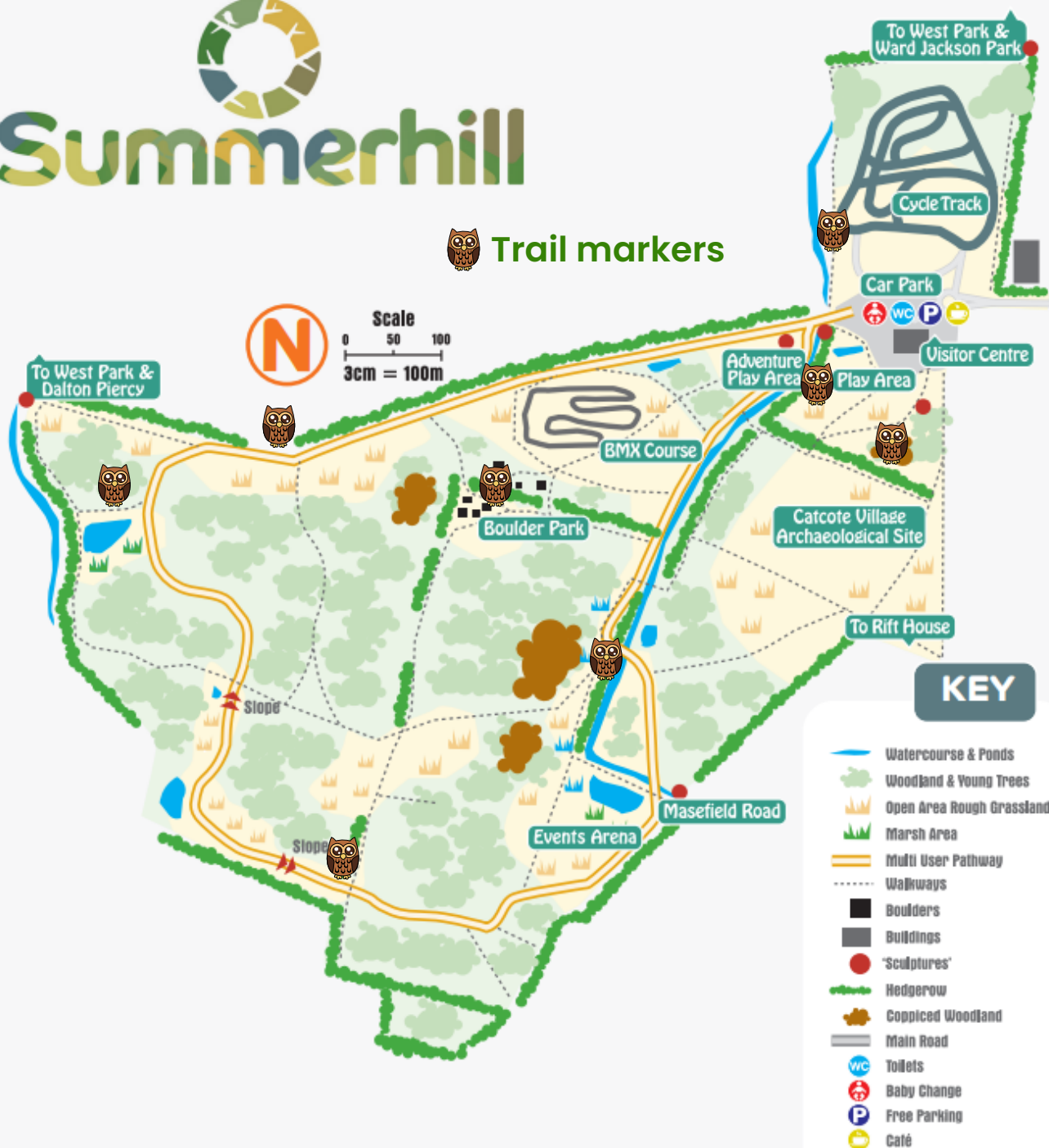


# How to use this booklet

Complete the trail in one trip or over multiple visits, the choice is yours! The map below shows the locations of eight trail markers across the site. When you find one, tick it off and turn to the page in the booklet about that animal or plant for a fun activity to complete.

## Summerhill

 Trail markers



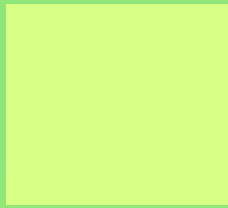


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## BRUNO BARN OWL

Barn Owls are the ninjas of the bird world with feathers designed to make no noise when they fly and they also have incredible hearing. This super sense means they are able to hear a mouse's heartbeat from about 8 metres away.

What shape is a barn owl's face? Circle your answer:

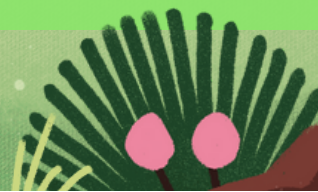


The feathers on the edge of a Barn Owl's face create a disc, which is able to trap and focus sound.

True or False?

1. Barn Owl ears are hidden in the feathers at the side of its face.
2. Both ears on an owl are the same shape and size.
3. When flying, the left ear captures sounds from below and the right ear focuses on sounds from above.

ANSWERS: HEART, TRUE,  
FALSE, TRUE.



You found...

## OLIVIA ORCHID



From creating habitats for wildlife to providing food, shelter and places for pollinators such as bees and butterflies to breed, wildflowers are not just pretty but are important for the environment too!

How many of these wildflowers can you find on a walk around Summerhill?

Daisy



Nettle



Thistle



Dandelion



Forget-Me-Not





You found...

# FREDDY FROG

These ancient amphibians have been around since the age of the dinosaurs! With amazing abilities including being able to 'breathe' and 'drink' through their skin and 360 degree vision thanks to their bulging eyes, we're sure you'll agree that frogs are fantastic.

Some frogs can jump over 20 times their own body length.

Jump like a frog and record how far you can jump:



Add some creatures to the pond that would love to call this habitat their home.



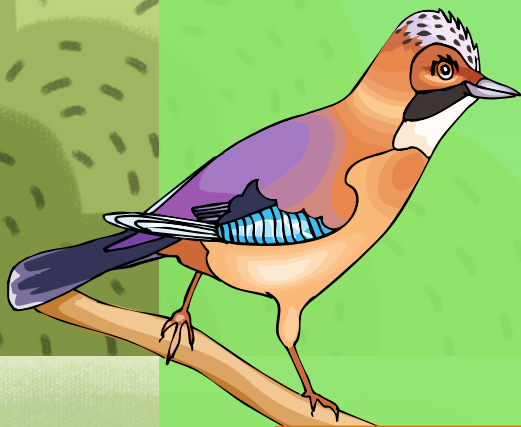
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## JESSIE JAY



This colourful loudmouth is a master mimic, capable of copying songs and calls of other birds. They love acorns and hide these to eat (if they can remember where) when food is scarce! Thanks to jay's, tens of thousands of 'forgotten' acorns grow into oak trees each spring.

Are your hide and seek skills better than Jessie's? Score a point for each numbered object/s you can find.



Jessie's score -

8 out of 16

My score -

### Nature Scavenger Hunt



1. Something fuzzy
2. Two kinds of seed
3. Two pieces of man-made litter
4. Something straight
5. Something round
6. Something smooth
7. Something rough
8. Two different types of leaves
9. Something that makes a noise
10. A chewed leaf
11. A beautiful rock
12. Something you think is beautiful
13. A pinecone
14. Something green
15. Your favourite stick
16. Something you think is a treasure



You found...



## ALAN ACORN

Does the saying, 'from little acorns mighty oaks grow' sound familiar? Oak trees symbolise strength and it is this quality that made them favourable to ancient civilisations like the Vikings, who would use oak wood to build longships.

Can you match each seed to its tree?

1.



Pine

2.



Oak

3.



Horse  
Chestnut

4.



Sycamore

ANSWERS: 1-SYCAMORE, 2-  
PINE, 3-OAK & 4-  
HORSECHESTNUT

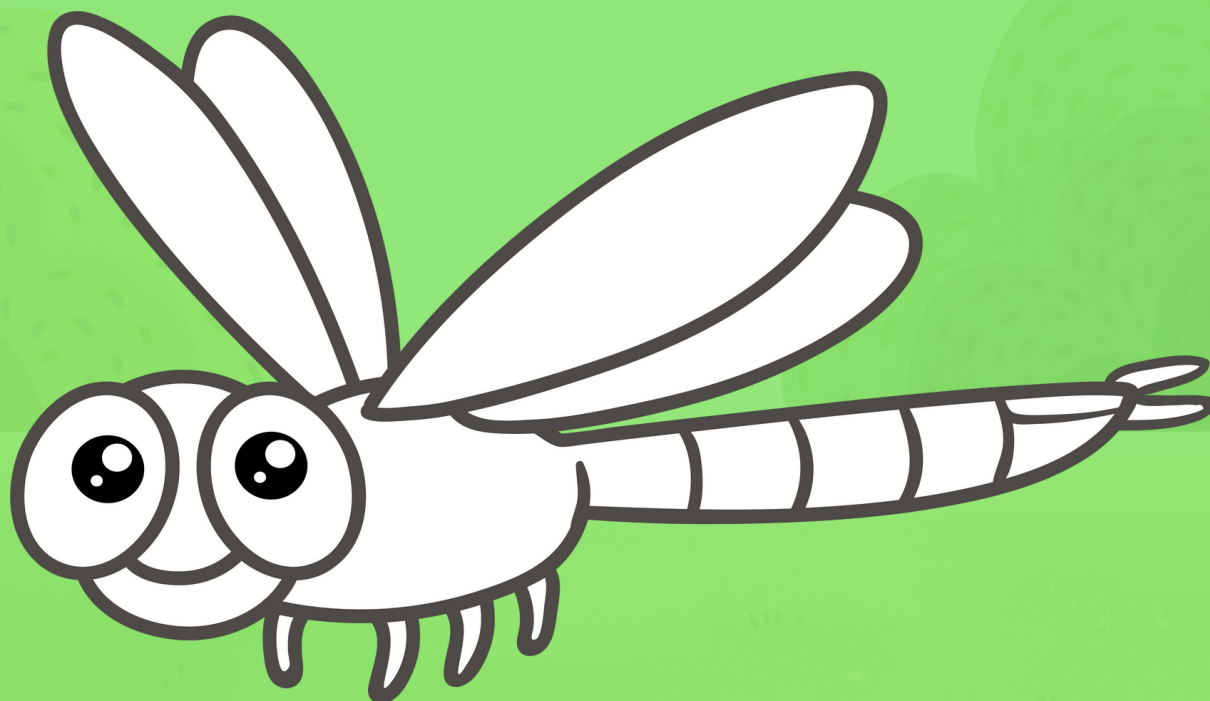
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## DARIUS DRAGONFLY



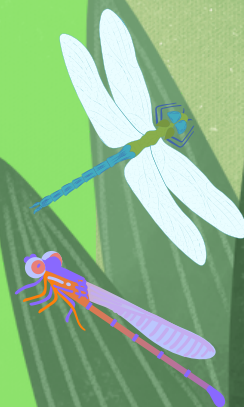
These fast flying, mini acrobats of the sky fly in every direction including backwards, upside down and can even hover in place like a helicopter. A handy skill for a creature that catches its prey mid-air with their feet!

Dragonflies are known for their bright colours. Add some colour to brighten up this dragonfly.



### Damselfly or Dragonfly?

Damselflies fold their wings along their long bodies when they rest. However, dragonfly wings stay stretched out. Damselflies also have a space between their large eyes.







You found...

# FARAH FOX

In stories, foxes have a reputation for being cunning and quick-thinking due to their ability to live and find food anywhere – countrysides, towns or cities. The only place foxes are yet to populate is Antarctica.

Which household item is a fox's tail named after?  
Circle your answer:

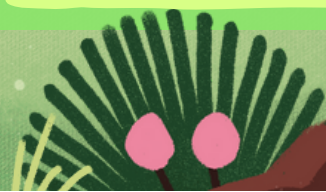


Foxes use their tails for many things including as a blanket to keep warm in colder months.

Foxes are members of the dog family. However, they do share many similarities with cats. Decide if the statement is describing a cat, fox or both:

- 1. Eyes with vertical pupils that narrow into slits.
- 2. Purr when they are excited or happy.
- 3. Retractable claws to help climb and hunt.

ANSWERS: BRUSH, BOTH, BOTH, CAT (NOT ALL FOXES, BUT SOME SUCH AS THE GRAY FOX DO).



You found...

# SYDNEY SQUIRREL



Equipped with sharp claws to grip trees, flexible double-jointed ankles that allow them to turn at lightning speed and a tail that can double up as a parachute, squirrels make climbing look effortless!

Are you as agile and fast as a grey squirrel? Use the ideas below to create your own outdoor obstacle course and put your skills to the test!

**Woodland Trust Nature Detectives**

Get ready for the Woodland Olympics  
On your marks, get set, go!

### Tree-mendous obstacle course

Woods are full of fantastic natural features for the ultimate obstacle course:

- Leap across tree stumps
- Crawl under low branches
- Run all the way around a huge, ancient tree
- Splash through muddy puddles
- Tip toe across fallen trees
- Zig zag through an avenue of trees

## Woodland Olympics

### Going for gold

Every Olympic champion needs a medal. Collect leaves, petals and feathers, then tie them together with wool or grass. Give the medals to the winners of your woodland Olympic challenges

### Pine cone shot put

Gather some fallen pine cones and see who can toss them the farthest. (Make sure you throw them in a clearing well away from other people)

### Twig relay race

Challenge your family to a relay race  
Split into teams and find a sturdy stick to be your baton. Then choose an open space to run in, free from trip hazards like tree roots and brambles  
On your marks, get set, go!



# CONTACT US

We would love to hear your thoughts on the trail and see any photos you may have taken while out and about around Summerhill.

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