

Family Activity Trails HYDE PARK Hyde



Hyde Park has something for all ages and is just a short walk from Hyde Town centre.

A children's playground, lots of surfaced, buggy friendly paths and more rugged woodland areas. Plenty of open grassy areas and benches for games and picnics.

Things to do

- Picnic
- Gardens
- Playground
- Woodland walks
- Nature spotting
- Scavenger Hunt

Although cars are not allowed in the park, there are plenty of parking along the adjacent roads .



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Hyde Park BIRD SURVIVAL HUNT

This is a good game to play as a family and Hyde Park is a great place to spot all kinds of birds. Each imagine you are a small bird and must find enough food to survive. Here is a typical menu.



How many can you find.
Each item is worth 1 point.

- Small Spider
- Small creature on tree bark
- Snail
- Caterpillar
- Centipede
- Ground beetle
- Pine cone
- Earthworm
- Small seed
- Flying insect
- Berry
- Maggot or grub
- Fruit tree bud

Total score:

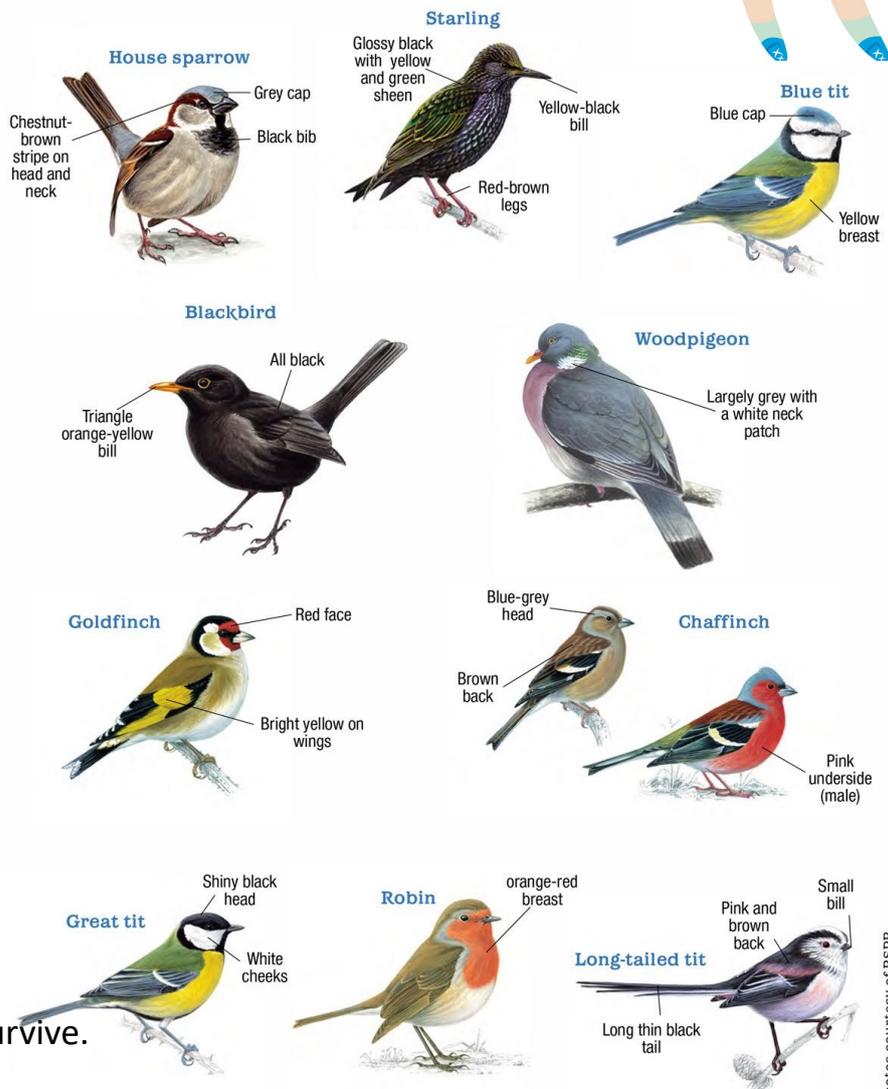
10-12 = Your sharp eyes and determination mean you will survive.

7-9 = You will probably survive.

4-6 = Your survival is doubtful.

0-3 = Oh dear! You haven't found enough.

Can you spot any of these birds?



Photos courtesy of RSPB



Hyde Park Minibeast Hunt



Armed with a small pot or tray, a small paintbrush and a magnifying glass there's a whole world of minibeasts waiting to be discovered.

- Bugs can be found everywhere but a great place in the park is around the orchard area and in the woodland.
- Dark damp spots under rocks and logs are good hunting grounds for things like worms, woodlice and spiders. You'll find critters like ladybirds, caterpillars and aphids on flowers, plants and leaves.
- A paintbrush to gently brush the bug into your tray will give you a chance to take a closer look with your magnifying glass.
- Don't leave your bugs in the tray too long and always put your bug back carefully where you found it and replace upturned rocks and logs.
- Always wash hands afterwards!



Millipede



Bee



Ladybird



Butterfly



Snail



Plant bug



Woodlouse



Earthworm



Slug



Centipede



Beetle



Fly



Hyde Park **SCAVENGER HUNT**

**The whole park is great for a scavenger hunt.
How many things can you find?**

Why not set a time limit?

How many can you fit in a tiny box?

Just remember to take care and not collect living creatures,
pick a petal not a whole flower and careful of anything sharp.

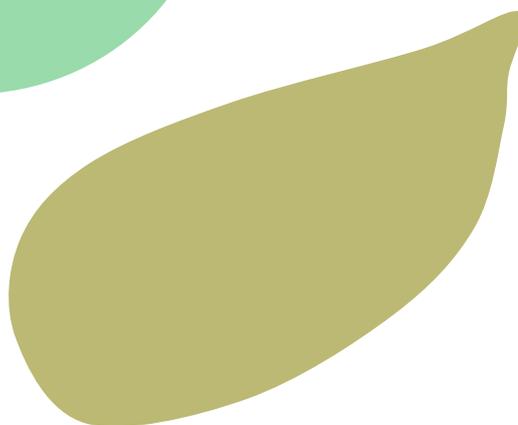
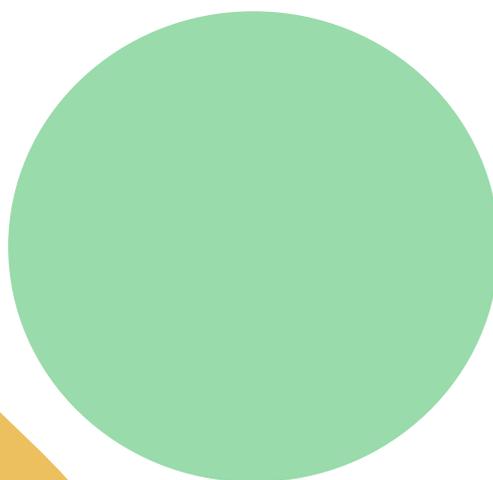
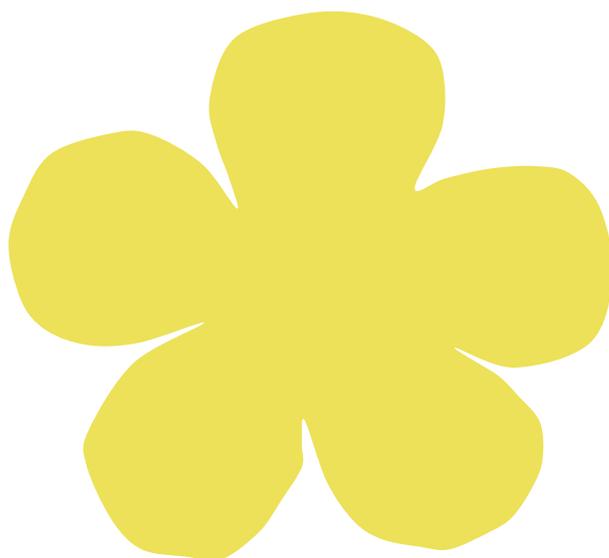
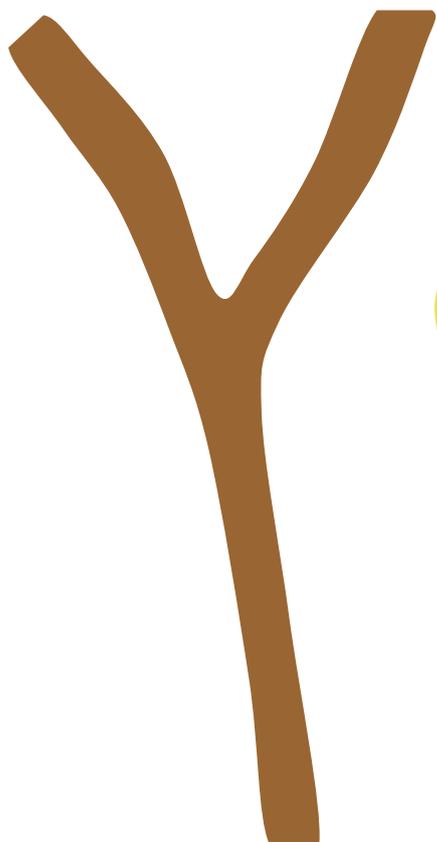


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| <input type="checkbox"/> Something hairy | <input type="checkbox"/> Something pink |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something manmade | <input type="checkbox"/> Something bright |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A chewed leaf | <input type="checkbox"/> Two kinds of leaves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A piece of bark | <input type="checkbox"/> A round stone |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> A yellow flower | <input type="checkbox"/> Something prickly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something blue | <input type="checkbox"/> A bendy twig |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A 'y' shaped twig | <input type="checkbox"/> Something beautiful |



Discover the SHAPES in nature

How about trying to match some shapes?



Fun and games in the PARK



Use twigs, leaves or stones to play woodland 'Noughts and Crosses'.

Capture the Flag game

- Split the family into two teams of equal sizes and find an outdoor space -amongst trees is better.
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- Mark out 'Home base' for each team (a couple of metres around 2 trees) make them a distance away from each other. This is the territory of each team and each team will need a 'flag' positioned in each base. (This can be a tea shirt or glove on a stick!)
- The objective of the game is to steal the 'flag' of the other group without being touched by any opposing players.
- To capture the flag a player must try and enter the opponents' territory, dodge the opposition through ducking, diving and nifty footwork to claim the flag and bring it back to their territory without being captured (tagged).
- If a player is tagged, they must stay in the place where they were caught until a teammate frees them by touching them.
- The winning group is the team who gets the flag first, regardless of the number of children who have been caught.

What's in the bag.

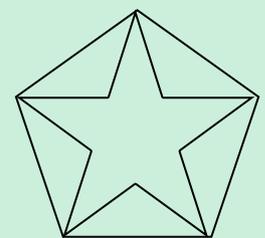
Put an item in the bag such as a forked twig. Everyone has a feel without looking, then put in a pile with half a dozen other twigs and everyone has to guess which was the twig from the bag.

For older children...

How many triangles can you make with 9 sticks?

(The sticks don't have to be the same length)

Answer: at least 35



Discover the LEAF SHAPES

Hyde Park has some amazing trees.

Can you find a leaf that matches these shapes?

