

# Family Activity Trails **PORTLAND BASIN** Ashton



The corridor of greenspaces around Portland basin weave through Ashton and provide some great opportunities for discovering the countryside.

Here you can get on your bike and join one of the cycle routes or you can follow canal and riverside trails towards Saddleworth and Cheshire.

**Why not follow the family friendly trail finding nature posts along the way. This 1km route takes you along the canal towpath with a great activity for children to do along the way.**

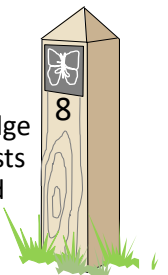
To avoid lots of steps with a buggy, follow the side of the canal past the tall chimney and over the bridge on to the towpath

Cycle/buggy friendly route

## Nature post trail

Between the Humpback Bridge and the Lift Bridge along the Peak Forest Canal, you will see 12 posts with metal plaques. Why not take a crayon and paper and do a metal rubbing of each picture?

**Can you find them all?**



Take a short walk along the nature post trail and find a quiet place to do some bird spotting. You may spot the Heron or even a Kingfisher. Take a close look at the flowers and trees.

**Just remember, canals can be deep, so keep safe near water.**



# Portland Basin **SCAVENGER HUNT**

**This area 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 brown   | <input type="checkbox"/> Something round        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something soft    | <input type="checkbox"/> Something red          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something hairy   | <input type="checkbox"/> Something yellow       |
| <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          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something tiny    | <input type="checkbox"/> A seed                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something rough   | <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    |



# BIRD SURVIVAL HUNT

This is a good game to play as a family.

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

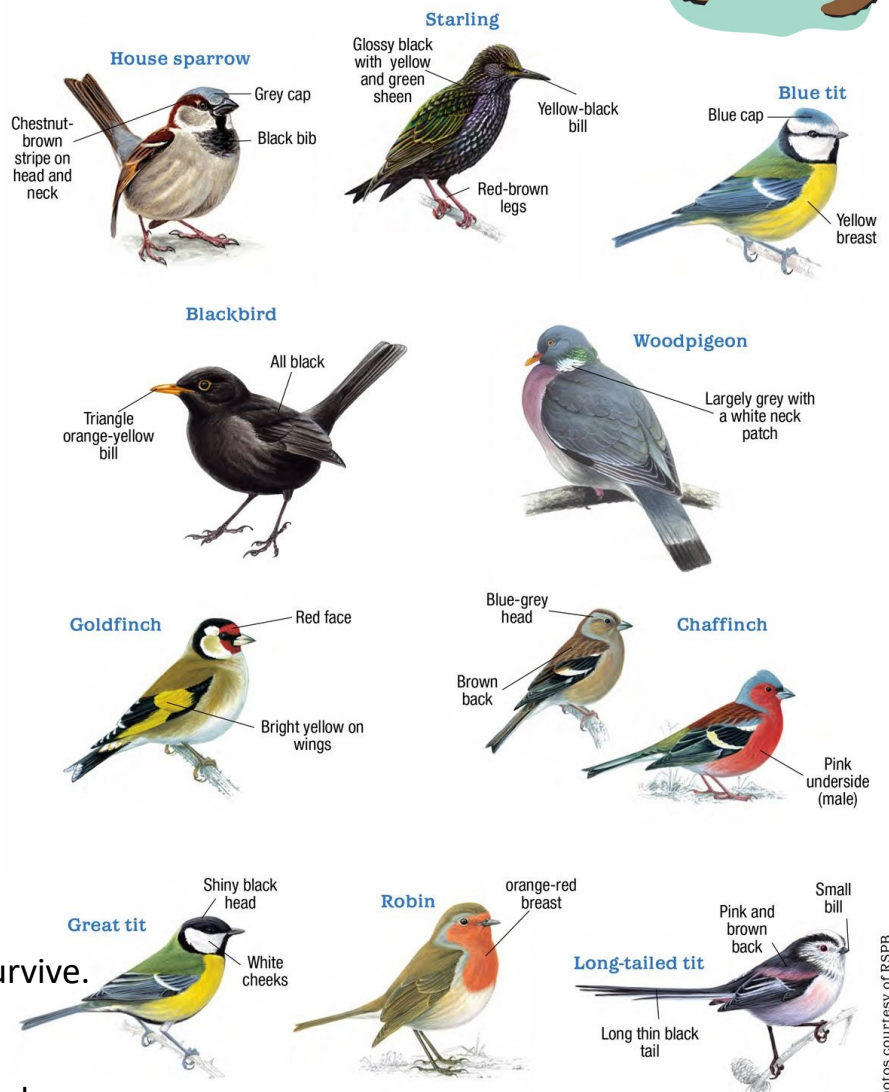
**Total score:**

**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.



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