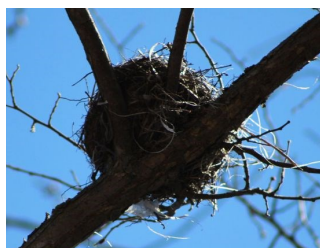




Nature Explorers

Take Notice—Can you find these signs of spring?



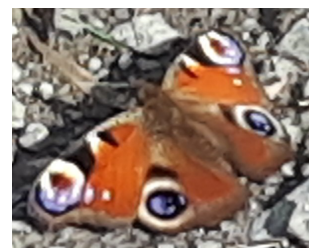
Birds Nest

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Bluebells

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Buds on Trees

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Butterfly

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Frog Spawn/
Tadpoles

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Wild Garlic

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Give

Volunteers and friends groups are involved in a variety of activities, from helping with practical tasks on site, helping in visitor centres and assisting with events.

If your interested in volunteering please contact:

Karen Preston by email

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Learn

There are lots of interpretation boards across our Countryside Sites—from information about history of each site, to information about wildlife identification.

Find one of the interpretation boards and list 3 things you have learnt.

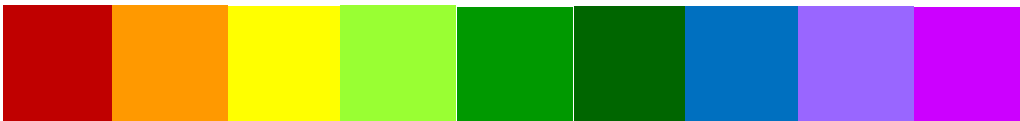
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Connect— Use your senses to connect with nature

See - How many colours can you match with natural things?



Feel - How would you describe them?



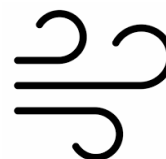
Leaf



Tree Trunk



Petal



Wind

Hear - Close your eyes for 1 minute. How many different sounds can you hear?

Smell - Find 3 different plants or trees to smell. How would you describe them?

Taste - Have a picnic.

5 ways to connect with nature:-

1. Plant butterfly and bee friendly plants in your garden.
2. Buy a houseplant.
3. Create a mini pond in your garden or patio (leaflet attached)
4. Watch a sunrise or sunset.
5. Snap some wildlife photos

There are many ways to be active across the borough whilst enjoying the countryside— walking <https://redcarcleveland.co.uk/enjoy/walking/> bike riding and orienteering.

How to build a mini wildlife pond



You will need:

- a watertight container*



- old bricks, rocks and pebbles



- pond plants



- spade



* Is there anything that you can upcycle? It could be an old washing-up bowl, sink or even a plant pot. Aim for 20-30cm deep.

1 Choose a spot. Your pond will need light, but not full sunlight all day. You can dig a hole and sink your container, or just have it sitting on top.

2 If the container isn't watertight, e.g. an old plant pot, then add a piece of pond liner.

One vertical growing plant that reaches out of the water e.g. flowering rush

3 Add a layer of gravel and rocks.

4 Fill your pond with rainwater (tap water contains chemicals).

5 Start planting... you only need two or three plants.

6 Now watch and wait! Wildlife will come to your pond of its own accord.



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Don't introduce frogs, fish or even water from another pond as this can spread disease.

Instructions courtesy of The Wildlife Trusts.

