

## You should discover...

### 1 A mallard – by Marnock Lake

You'll often see mallards feeding on the lake. The dripping wells underneath you are an original part of the parks design, along with the lake. They date back to 1889!

### 2 A common frog – by the Wetland

Frogs are common in most ponds, however due to this kind of habitat becoming scarce, frog numbers are sadly globally declining. Here in the wetland we are lucky enough to find frogspawn and tadpoles in the spring.

### 3 A fir cone – by our Bedgebury trees

In the coming years you'll see lots more fir cones around this area as the recently planted trees get bigger. Cones are the trees way of protecting its seeds. These will soon be dispersed by birds and wind.

### 4 A dragonfly – by Folly Shaw stream

Dragonflies will be a regular visitors to this area on warm summer days. They will fly around near the water trying to catch prey. The stream that runs through here is a chalybeate stream, named due to it's iron rich nature (and hence it's orange colour).

### 5 A cow – in the meadow pasture

This habitat would have originally been grazed by cattle. We now replicate this method of cutting with the help of our volunteers and our heavy duty lawn

mowers, as over time this will encourage a wide variety of wildflowers to grow here.

### 6 Hazel nuts – by the boardwalk

This woodland is dotted with hazel trees, these are coppiced (cut back to the stump). Coppicing can increase a trees life span by over 300 years as it encourages new growth.

### 7 English bluebell – in Hilbert Woods

In the spring the woodland floor around you is covered by a beautiful carpet of English bluebells. Find out more about this wood on the interpretation board behind you.

### 8 A pear – in the Community Orchard

Recently planted, this orchard is made up of fruit trees such as apples, pears and cherries. Orchards are becoming rarer in the UK. They provide a vital refuge for wildlife such as thrushes, bees and hedgehogs.

### 9 A spade – by the allotments

Do you know what country all the food you eat comes from? Here, local people rent and tend to their own plots, so that they can know exactly where their food has come from.

### 10 A grasshopper – in the meadow

In the spring/summer a beautiful wildlife meadow grows tall here and it becomes a great spot to go bug hunting. We cut the grass here only once a year to encourage the growth of this wildflower meadow.

Grosvenor and Hilbert Park

# Brass Rubbing Trail



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Throughout this park you can find 10 brass rubbings which, with the help of this leaflet, will introduce you to more about this park and its wildlife.

## How to find them

They are found on waymarking posts throughout the park. The locations of which can be seen on the map in this leaflet.

## What you will need:

Paper and a wax crayon. Paper and crayons are available to borrow from the Staff Office in the Hub, when open.

## How to do a brass rubbing

Hold the paper up against the image on the post, then while it is held in place, rub on the paper with your crayon (keeping the paper as still as possible). The image will be revealed as your rub.

## What next?

If you like an air of mystery read no further until you have found your first post.

Upon finding a post you can refer to this map to work out which number rubbing you are at. Then turn the page and discover some more information about what is on your post, and the area around you.

## Map of Grosvenor and Hilbert Park



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