

Wild About Colchester



SPRING BIG 5 SAFARI SHEET: 4

Castle Park

See if you can spot any of the species listed here. Spring is a wonderful time of year to see different plants, animals and even fungi. As you take in the beauty of nature, look for signs of Colchester's past. We are asking you to keep your eyes open when you are out in your local parks and open green spaces.

A wildlife challenge for all. The wildlife and animals listed can be hard to spot and spread out over very large sites. Help the rangers by spotting these wonderful Spring resident species as well as some seasonal visitors.

Please remember to stay local and adhere to all government guidance regarding travel, exercise, social distancing and bubbles.

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**The Wild About Colchester
Big 5 Safari is not just for
Children.**

Challenge your ID skills and help the Rangers to identify and locate some of the harder to spot species in the different parks, reserves and green spaces in Colchester.

History Big 5

The park rangers thought they would take you on a trip down memory lane. As you stroll around the Park taking in the beauties of Spring why not try to find the locations of these photographs taken in bygone days. You could even take your own photograph to compare the scene today, why not post it to our social media sites @enjoycolchester for us to see.

Castle Park is steeped in history. From the Romans to the Victorians and right through to the modern day it has served the people of Colchester in a multitude of guises. If you enjoy this chance to spot some historic sites around the Park, why not check out the history trails on the Council's Castle Park website.

Boating Lake



Castle



Bandstand



Summer House



Imola Pond



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Spring Big 5

Castle Park is a hive of activity for all sorts of wildlife all year round, but Spring is when you see Nature bursting out everywhere. Now the weather is warming up, take a leisurely stroll and see if you can spot the Spring Big 5. If you enjoyed your search today, for more trails around the Park, check out the History and Wildlife trails at www.colchester.gov.uk/castlepark

Colchester parks and green open spaces are home to a rich variety of wildlife, that changes throughout the year with seasonal visitors as well as resident species. Our Ranger Team works hard to nurture these areas and manage these spaces for the long-term benefit of nature and the residents of Colchester.



Magpie



Blackthorn Blossom



Chaffinch



Common Toad



Crocus

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