

Wild About Colchester

An illustration of Colchester landmarks and wildlife. In the background, there are stylized buildings and a large yellow sun. In the foreground, there are green trees and a grey stone wall with arches. A yellow and blue bird is perched on the wall. Three butterflies are shown: one red and black, one green and black, and one orange and black.

BIG 5 SAFARI SHEET 2: WILD LIVES

SALARY BROOK | MIDDLE MILL WEIR | MEDIEVAL COLCHESTER

Colchester's parks and green open spaces are home to a rich variety of wildlife, from oyster catchers to sneezewort. Our Ranger Team works hard to nurture these areas to make sure species can be enjoyed for many years to come.

However, the wildlife and animals they look out for are spread across a wide variety of sites, can be hard to spot and may be a rare species. We've created these Big 5 Safari sheets so you can look for them too. Simply use your mobile phone to take a photo and share your sighting on social media using **WildAboutColchester** or by sending us an email **countryside@colchester.gov.uk**. If you email us, please include the date and a map reference to where you saw them. We've also included a few 'must see' plants or animals for each site!

Wild about Colchester is not just for children.

Challenge your ID skills and help our ranger team to locate some of the red list and harder to spot species on different reserves around Colchester

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Salary Brook Local Nature Reserve

This nature reserve is near Scarfe Way, off Avon Way. Postcode CO4 3SE. There is no car park, limited roadside parking may be available. More info at colchester.gov.uk/parks



Southern hawker dragon fly



Sneezewort

Wall Butterfly



Red eyed damselfly

Devils bit Scabious



Please plan your journey to these different sites. More information about opening times and car parks at visitcolchester.com

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Middle Mill Weir, Castle Park

Middle Weir is near Kings Meadow playground, just outside the gates of lower Castle park. The nearest car park is Leisure World Colchester: colchester.gov.uk/parking Nearest postcode to Middle Weir is CO1 1XL.

Pike



Kingfisher



Grey Wagtail



Holly blue butterfly



Hairy dragonfly






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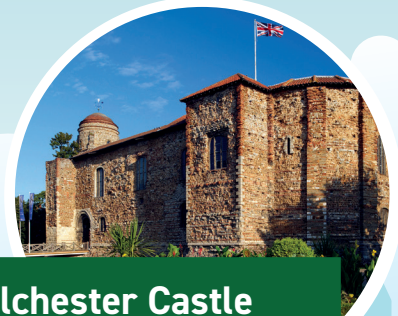
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Medieval Colchester

There are traces of Colchester's rich history everywhere you go! Step back in time and explore our Big 5 highlights of Medieval Colchester.



Colchester Castle

What remains of the castle is the keep, a type of tower, which is the largest in Europe. Its construction began in 1076 and took almost 20 years to complete.

22 High Street

The site of the Colchester Hoard discovery, one of the most important medieval find of coins. It included English, Scottish and Irish coins as well as coins from across Europe.



St Botolph's Priory

Founded in 1093, the priory housed monks up until Henry VIII's reign. During the reformation in 1536, the priory was shut down and left to ruin.



Holy Trinity church tower

The tower of Holy Trinity Church was actually built in Anglo-Saxon times about 1000 years ago. The rest of the church was build 300 years later.



DID YOU KNOW?

Colchester was an important town in Medieval times. The town was a regional centre of trade and the largest in Essex.



St John's Abbey Gatehouse

All that remains of St John's Abbey is the large entrance. It would have been the major religious centre in Colchester during Medieval times.

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