

Wild About Colchester



SPRING BIG 5 SAFARI SHEET: 3

Hilly Fields Local Nature Reserve | High Woods Country 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. We are asking you to keep your eyes open when you are out doing your daily exercise 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.**

Hilly Fields Local Nature Reserve

A green lung close to the centre of Colchester, this 80-acre site is a Local Wildlife Site and a Scheduled Ancient Monument. There is limited street parking at Sussex Road and Hubert Road. Find out more at Colchester.gov.uk/parks

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Green Hairstreak



Common Plume Moth



Dark Edged Bee-Fly



Nightingale



Sheep's Sorrel

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High Woods Country Park

The park includes woodland, a lake, wildflower meadows, marshes, hayfields, scrubland, and open spaces (ideal for picnics). There are 2 car parks one is located on Turner Road (adjacent to the Visitor Centre and toilets) and the other on Chanterelle, on the Highwoods estate, off the A1232

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Slow-worm



Skylark



Orange Tip Butterfly



Smooth Common Newt



Wood Anemone

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