

Wild About Colchester



BIG 5 SAFARI SHEET 5: WILD TRAVEL

BULL MEADOW | CYMBELINE MEADOWS

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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.

Bull Meadow

This 3.5 acre site was declared a Local Nature Reserve in 1994 - one of the first to be opened in Colchester. It consists of an unimproved damp meadow on the north bank of the River Colne. The nearest car park is at Leisure World Colchester, the post code is CO1 1YH. There are two pedestrian entrances to the site on the path between Leisure World and Castle Park. Find out more at colchester.gov.uk/parks

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Long tailed tits



Great spotted woodpecker



Muntjac deer



Goldcrest



Water vole

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Cymbeline Meadows

This is a 74 ha area of working farm land comprising a rich variety of habitats including pastures, arable fields, meadows, woodland and the meandering river Colne. Vehicle access is via Spring Lane onto Wet Lane (limited parking is available). There are also four pedestrian entrances, two on Cymbeline Way (Avenue of Remembrance), one off of Bakers Lane following the PROW on the edge of Lexden Golf Club and one off of Bergholt Road following the PROW under the rail line subway. Find out more at colchester.gov.uk/parks

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Buzzard



Kingfisher



Noctule Bat



Black Poplar tree



Banded Demoiselle

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