

Wildlife in Colchester

Visit a Colchester Borough Council Reserve to discover more



Autumn leaves



Unripe Hazel Nuts



Muntjac



Spangle Galls



Cinnabar Moth Caterpillars

GOSBECKS ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK

65 hectares

Grassland & farmland

- Free car park off Maldon Road
- Public access throughout
- Dog walkers welcome but please keep under close control
- Extensive grass path network
- Permissive horse rides

A Scheduled Ancient Monument, Gosbecks lay at the heart of pre-Roman Camulodunum. Now it is mainly open grassland with wild flowers, surrounded by hedgerows and split in half by Olivers Lane, cattle graze the site. Large numbers of Skylarks nest here, and many other bird species visit. Insects make the most of the open sunny site, including bumblebees and lots of Small Heath butterflies.



FREE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO ALL SITES, ALL DAY EVERY DAY

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Colchester Natural History Society
Colchester Natural History Society kindly secured the funding for this display and provided much of the information. The Society produces regular publications including a newsletter and programme of events. CNHS holds field meetings and evening talks throughout the year. New members always welcome.
www.colchesternaturalhistorysociety.org.uk

Colchester Borough Council Ranger Service
The ranger service manage and maintain these green spaces throughout Colchester. They work closely with various community groups and volunteers to achieve high standards of conservation and to provide recreation and educational opportunities in the local area.
www.colchester.gov.uk/parks

Key to maps	
Habitats	Facilities
grassland	parking area
scrub	entrance
ancient woodland	footpath
coppice	bridleway
woodland	Permissive
marsh	bridleway
hedgerow	road
Site boundary	