

# Wildlife in Colchester

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Cattle grazing



Creeping Buttercup



Banded Demoiselle; male



Mist over the River Colne



Cowslip



Minataur beetle; female



Lime Hawk Moth Larvae



Purple Hairstreak

## HILLY FIELDS LOCAL WILDLIFE RESERVE

32 hectares

Grassland, ponds & woodland

- Good path network with circular and surfaced routes
- Open grassy areas good for picnicking
- Cycle paths including off-road routes

Supports a wide variety of habitats. Its free-draining grassland is important for insects, and Buntings Meadows provides ideal habitat for butterflies. Bats feed over the meadows and the ponds.

Excavations in the 1930s and 1970s revealed extensive Iron Age and Roman remains, and most of the site is designated a Scheduled Ancient Monument.



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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](http://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](http://www.colchester.gov.uk/parks)

Key to maps	
<b>Habitats</b>	<b>Facilities</b>
grassland	parking area
scrub	entrance
ancient woodland	footpath
coppice	cycle track
woodland	road
marsh	
hedgerow	
<b>Water bodies</b>	
<b>Site boundary</b>	