Wildlife in Colchester

Visit a Colchester Borough Council Reserve to discover more

| Stag Beetle; male | Primrose | Bluebell | Yellow Archangel | Wood Anemone | Grass Snake | Common Lizard | Water Vole |

WELSH WOOD LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

2.7 hectares   **Ancient woodland**

- Forest School outdoor classroom (bookable)
- Main path is surfaced

Welsh Wood is managed in the traditional way by coppicing – cutting the trees down to ground level on rotation. It has a carpet of bluebells in the spring, along with Yellow Archangel and Wood Anemone. Standing dead trunks are left for woodpeckers and wood habitat piles for Stag Beetles. Its larvae feed off decaying wood and can take 3 – 5 years before forming the adult beetle.

SALARY BROOK LOCAL WILDLIFE SITE

19.5 hectares   **Grassland & wetland**

- Grass path network throughout
- Cycle track runs whole length of site
- Fishing permitted on two ponds (EA rod license required)
- One pond has disabled access

This river valley supports scrub and woodland, marsh and wet grassland. Its wealth of wildlife includes species not often encountered in an urban area, such as Dormouse, Water Vole and Otter, and over 100 plant species including the rare Sneezewort.

FREE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO ALL SITES, ALL DAY EVERY DAY

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Wood-lands
Deben Road
Welsh Wood
Barbell Road
Salary Close
Bromley Road
Avon Road
Salary Brook
Tesco round-about
A133
Clacton

0   250   500
Metres

Key to maps

Habitats
- grassland
- scrub
- ancient woodland
- coppice woodland
- marsh
- hedgerow

Water bodies

Site boundary

Facilities
- parking area — P
- entrance
- footpath
- cycle track
- road