

Marvellous Milton Creek Explorer Trail



Follow the trail and answer the questions as you go. Match the letter of the answer to the numbers of each question at the end of the trail sheet to form the hidden words!

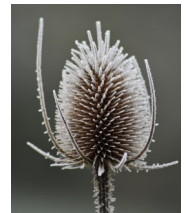
The starting point for this trail is the entrance point by the Holy Trinity Church (Green Porch Close).

Take the path in front of the double metal gates by the bike entrance and towards the post with the blue arrow on it.



● Starting point — Route for trail ● Location for a question

The path will bend round to the right by a green bin. As soon as you turn the corner you will see some spikey seed heads known as Teasels in front of the trees on your right. The seed heads on this plant are a great source of food for birds such as the goldfinch.



1. What shape are the Teasel heads ?

N= Cone B= Rectangular T= Triangular

Continue along the path, past the log with the name 'Chris Ewell' on it and then take the path to the right, through the two posts- again following the blue arrow. Cross over the main track and take the path on the right up the hill- now following the purple arrow.

At the top of the hill there are trees with green plastic tubes around them.

2. Why has the park ranger put the plastic tubes around the trees?

A= To make the trees look pretty E= To protect them from the rain

I= To protect the trees from being eaten by animals and stop weeds from growing

Follow the path down the little hill until it splits in two, you are going to take the lower path on the left. Head towards the information panel about reptiles and have a read.

3. How long can a slow worm grow?

F= 50cm I= 40cm H= 30cm

Wiggle your way along the path like a slow worm, past the bench and to the point where the path splits by a map board. We are taking the path on the right, carry on until you reach the pond with a viewing platform. Ponds are great for all kinds of wildlife.

This pond has been created for Great Crested Newts.

4. Can you identify the Great Crested Newt?

G=



Z=



L=



Run up the hill, following the track and keep going until you come to the maze game. Have a go at the maze, how quickly can you get from one end to the other?

5. How many yellow painted posts are there?

S= 5 J= 7 D= 9



Continue along the path. Look out for the 'Grass and Woodland Birds' panel on your left.

6. What are the main colours of the Goldfinch?

W= Yellow, blue and white L= Yellow, red, black and white U= Green and yellow.

Continue along the path. Look out the wooden platform on your right. Look and listen out to the sounds of the reedbeds. What noises can you hear?

Head back on the path and walk towards the point where four paths join. We are going round to the right-following the purple arrow. On either side of the path you will see a plant that has been cut back. This is bramble, it has green leaves and a purple stem covered in thorns.

7. Which of these delicious fruits can you pick from a bramble bush?

T= Blackberries X= Raspberries Q= Strawberries



Follow the purple route, past the bench. Just before you start to go up a little hill look to the left. There is a tree with a green plant called Ivy wrapped around its trunk. Ivy keeps it's leaves throughout the year.

8. What do we call plants that keep their throughout the year?

M= Treerific D= Treemendous F= Evergreen

Head up the hill and take the path to your left until you find a carved log on your right. Look carefully, you should be able to see 3 animals.

9. Which animals can you see?

N= Rabbit, Snail and Fish A= Dragonfly, Fish and Frog P= Bee, Fish and Snake

Carry on down the path towards the play area .

In the play area there are 3 coloured bouncy creatures!



10. Which bouncy creatures can you see?



V= Bee, frog and snail Y= Snail, ladybird and hedgehog E= Ladybird, grasshopper and bee

If, I mean once you manage to leave the play area, take the path on the far right on the park, which heads back towards the church. You should see some bright red berries called rosehips. Some birds like to eat them.



11. How do birds spread the seeds of the rosehips?

R= In a basket L= In their pool! N= In a sieve



Continue along the path, heading back to the entrance, until you come to a post.

12. On the post is a small black square showing which animal?

F= Green Woodpecker S= Pipistrelle Bat W= Fox

Well done you have finished the trail, reveal the hidden words with your answers!

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