



Fairlop PlainTimes for Schools



Fairlop's Manmade Landscape

What lives in the country park?

An investigation into the different habitats in the Fairlop Waters Country Park

Curriculum areas

KS1 Science (Gathering and recording data)

Pupils should use the local environment throughout the year to explore, identify and answer questions about a variety of common plants and animals, and their habitats

Resources

Activity 1 sequencing pictures to trace the history of the landscape of Fairlop Plain (forest, farm, quarry, country park)

Activity 2 recording sheets & photographs of 4 different types of landscape /habitat in the country park (bushes, grass, trees, lake)

Previous knowledge

- That living creatures need food, water and shelter in order to survive
- Living creatures live in different habitats, according to their needs

Activity 1

Introducing the landscape of Fairlop Plain

- Use the landscape sequencing cards to discover the changes over time in the different manmade landscapes of Fairlop
- Discuss which creatures might have lived there at different times in the past
- Explain that pupils are going to try to find out which creatures live there now
- Show photographs of the different types of habitat and discuss which creatures may live there nowadays; broad categories, such as "fish", "spiders", "birds", etc



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Activity 2

A visit to Fairlop Waters Country Park

Visit the country park, using the downloadable recording sheets to note which creatures are found in the different habitats, and how many.





Follow-up Activities

- Record findings in a number of ways, for example, using charts and art work
- Identify different habitats around the school
- Adapt the recording sheets to survey what lives in these habitats. Compare these findings with those for the country park.
- Discuss how the pupils could make better habitats for living creatures around the school grounds

What lives in the country park?

Look around different places in the country park.

What lives in the different habitats?

Where I looked	What lives there
<p data-bbox="97 539 248 577">The lake</p> 	
<p data-bbox="97 880 272 918">The trees</p> 	
<p data-bbox="97 1261 296 1299">The bushes</p> 	
<p data-bbox="97 1615 201 1653">Grass</p> 	

What lives in the country park?

Walk around the country park.

Tally the number of times you see different creatures. (Choose some more creatures to go in the spaces in the chart)

Creature	How many times I saw something	Total
duck		
Seagull		
Bee		
Butterfly		

What lives in the country park?

Guide to photo resources.



bushes



grass



lake



trees

All these locations are in Fairlop Country Park.

(first two in a sequence of four)



