

WHAT'S ON

Celebrate a fortnight of wildlife with us during the Oxford Festival of Nature.



Sunday 7th June - Bugs and Beyond

The One Show's bug man, Dr George McGavin reveals the weird and wonderful creatures he's met on his adventures. Oxford University Museum of Natural History (OUMNH)

Saturday 13th June - Wild Fair

Join us for a day of wildlife fun at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History

Monday 1st June

- Spotlight Specimens, OUMNH
- Thames Wildlife Cruise, OX1 4JU

Tuesday 2nd June

- Bug Hotel Making, Bury Knowle Park
- Spotlight Specimens, OUMNH

Wednesday 3rd June

- Crocodiles of the World, Family Art Session, OX18 3NX
- Spotlight Specimens, OUMNH
- Volunteer Taster Day, OX4 4XT

Thursday 4th June

- Bug Hotel Making, Florence Park
- Talk: Hedgehogs by Hugh Warwick, NOA Community Centre
- Spotlight Specimens, OUMNH

Friday 5th June

- Volunteer Taster Day, Sutton Courtenay
- Bat Walk, Shotover Country Park
- Night-Time Safari, Sutton Courtenay

Saturday 6th June

- Kids Club Film, The Phoenix
- Otter Walk, University Parks
- Mammal Detectives, Wytham Woods
- Rivermead Open Day, OX4 4UP
- Wildlife Storytelling, Waterstones

Sunday 7th June

- Bugs and Beyond, OUMNH
- Crayfish Trapping, University Parks
- Family Fun at Wolvercote Lakes, OX2 8NZ
- Grasses Identification Workshop, The Horspath Hub
- Orchids and Other Beauties Walk, Wolvercote Common
- Pub Quiz, The Marsh Harrier

Monday 8th June

- Rosybee Open Day, OX12 0HS
- Spotlight Specimens, OUMNH
- Crocodiles of the World, Late Night Opening, OX18 3NX

Tuesday 9th June

- Bug Hotel Making, Cutteslowe Park
- Talk: Introduction to Dormice, Cutteslowe Community Centre
- Spotlight Specimens, OUMNH
- 'Swift' Walk around the City, OUMNH

Wednesday 10th June

- Crocodiles of the World, Family Art Session, OX18 3NX
- More than Honey Film, The Phoenix
- Spotlight Specimens, OUMNH
- Geek Night, Jericho Tavern

Thursday 11th June

- Spotlight Specimens, OUMNH
- Thames Wildlife Cruise, OX1 4JU

Friday 12th June

- Small Mammal Trapping, OX1 3UQ
- Evening Bird Walk, OUMNH

Saturday 13th June

- Dawn Chorus Walk, Iffley Meadows
- Big Green Day Out, Broad St
- Chimney Meadows Walk, OX18 2EH
- Small Mammal Trapping, OX1 3UQ
- Wild Fair, OUMNH
- Wildlife Storytelling, Waterstones

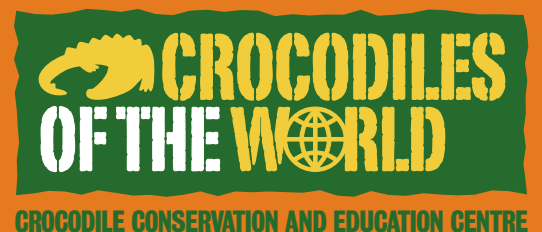
Sunday 14th June

- Rosybee Open Day, OX12 0HS

Booking info:

For more information about all the events and to book visit oxfordfestivalofnature.org

Take this leaflet to Crocodiles of the World to get 10% off the entry price during the festival



Welcome to the Oxford Wild Walk

Follow the trail around Oxford and discover hidden pockets of nature and wildlife close to this big, busy city. The trail is about 5 miles and takes 2-3 hours. Why not make a day of it and have a picnic beside one of the rivers or in one of the meadows you pass through.

When you've completed the trail, take a photo of yourself with this leaflet standing next to the Charles Darwin plinth outside the Oxford University Museum of Natural History. Tweet your photo to @BBOWT #oxfestnature and you could win a wildlife hamper!

There are lots of other wild places close to Oxford to explore too:

- Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust reserves:**
1. CS Lewis Nature Reserve
 2. Ifley Meadows
 3. Sydlings Copse
- Other parks and reserves:**
4. Boundary Brook Nature Reserve
 5. Bury Knowle Park
 6. Chilswell Valley
 7. Cutteslowe and Sunnymead Park
 8. Florence Park
 9. Longbridges Nature Park & The Kidneys Nature Reserve
 10. Lye Valley
 11. Port Meadow
 12. Rivermead Nature Park
 13. Wolvercote Lakes
 14. Wytham Woods



Mallard

Moorhen

Kingfisher

Grey heron

Coot

Teal

1. START - St Aldate's, Christ Church Meadow

Can you spot the **snake** before entering Christ Church Meadow? Hint: It's in a pond.

2. Christ Church Meadow's Inner City Cattle

Follow the secluded routes around Christ Church Meadow along the banks of the Isis, the name given to the River Thames as it passes through Oxford. Why not stop for a picnic and watch the grazing **longhorn cattle**? Continue on the paths to leave the meadow and pass the Botanic Gardens.

3. Oxford Botanic Gardens

These are the oldest botanic gardens in Britain, but how old are they? The gardens were started as the Physic Gardens, for the study of medicinal plants. Continue up to High Street.

4. Urban Wildlife at Holywell Cemetery

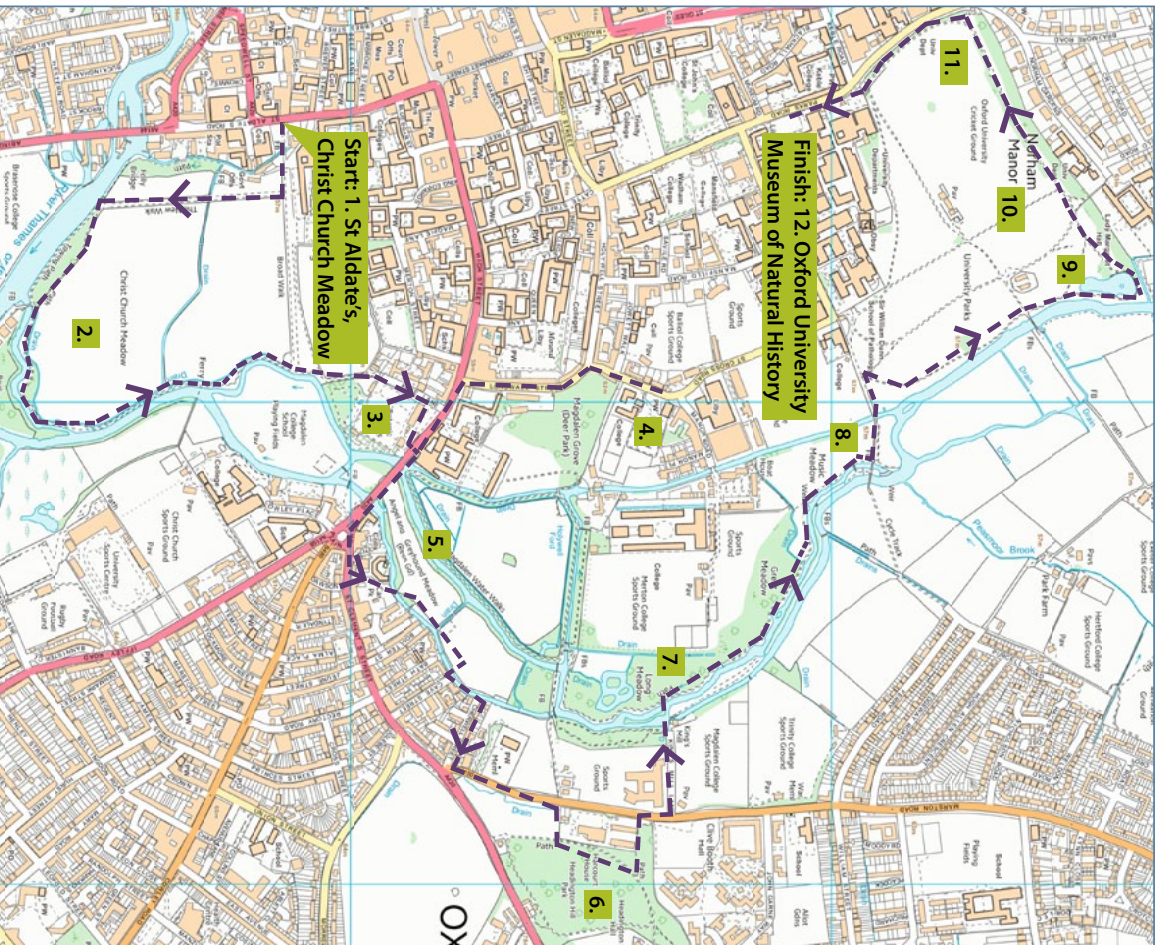
Take a detour from the main route along Longwall Street and then St Cross Road to see what urban wildlife you can spot at the cemetery. It's a great place for **foxes** and **hedghogs** and over 170 species of **flowering plants** have been recorded there.

5. Angel & Greyhound Meadow

Continue down the High Street away from the city centre. Turn left towards St Clements car park and head for some outdoor play in Angel & Greyhound Meadow - an old horse pasture meadow for the Angel & Greyhound coaching inn.

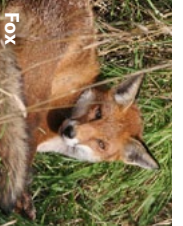
6. Headington Hill Park

Leave the meadow and walk along Cherwell Street. Turn left on Marston Road and then cross the road into Headington Hill Park. Look for the amazing old tree. It was struck by lightning but it's still growing! Three of the branches have re-rooted and are now trees in their own right.



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Finish: 12. Oxford University Museum of Natural History



Orange-tip

Hedgehog

Green-veined

Fox

7. Poohisticks at Mesopotamia Mill Lane to Mesopotamia Walk - Greek for 'between two rivers.' Why not play Poohisticks at one of the little bridges over the River Cherwell.

Follow the Walk to Music Meadow. The margins are lined with **lime** and **willow** trees and the meadow is full of **plants** that attract many insects, which use them for food. How many different **butterflies** can you spot?

8. Music Meadow

Follow the path along the river through University Parks to a large pond. What **waterbirds** can you spot? If you're lucky you might catch a glimpse of a **heron** or **kingfisher**.

9. River Cherwell's Waterbirds

Follow the North Walk through University Parks to the far side of the park. This stretch is a great place to try out your **birdsong** identification skills. How many different species of bird can you hear?

10. North Walk's Birdsong

Head down through the park towards the museum. How many **giant redwoods** (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) can you spot on the West Walk?

11. Tremendous West Walk

Continue down Parks Road to the Oxford University Museum of Natural History. The **swifts** in the tower here have been studied since 1948. But where do they visit us from and how long do they stay in the UK?

12. FINISH - Oxford University Museum of Natural History's Swifts

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Don't forget to tweet us a photo when you've finished the trail (see left)!