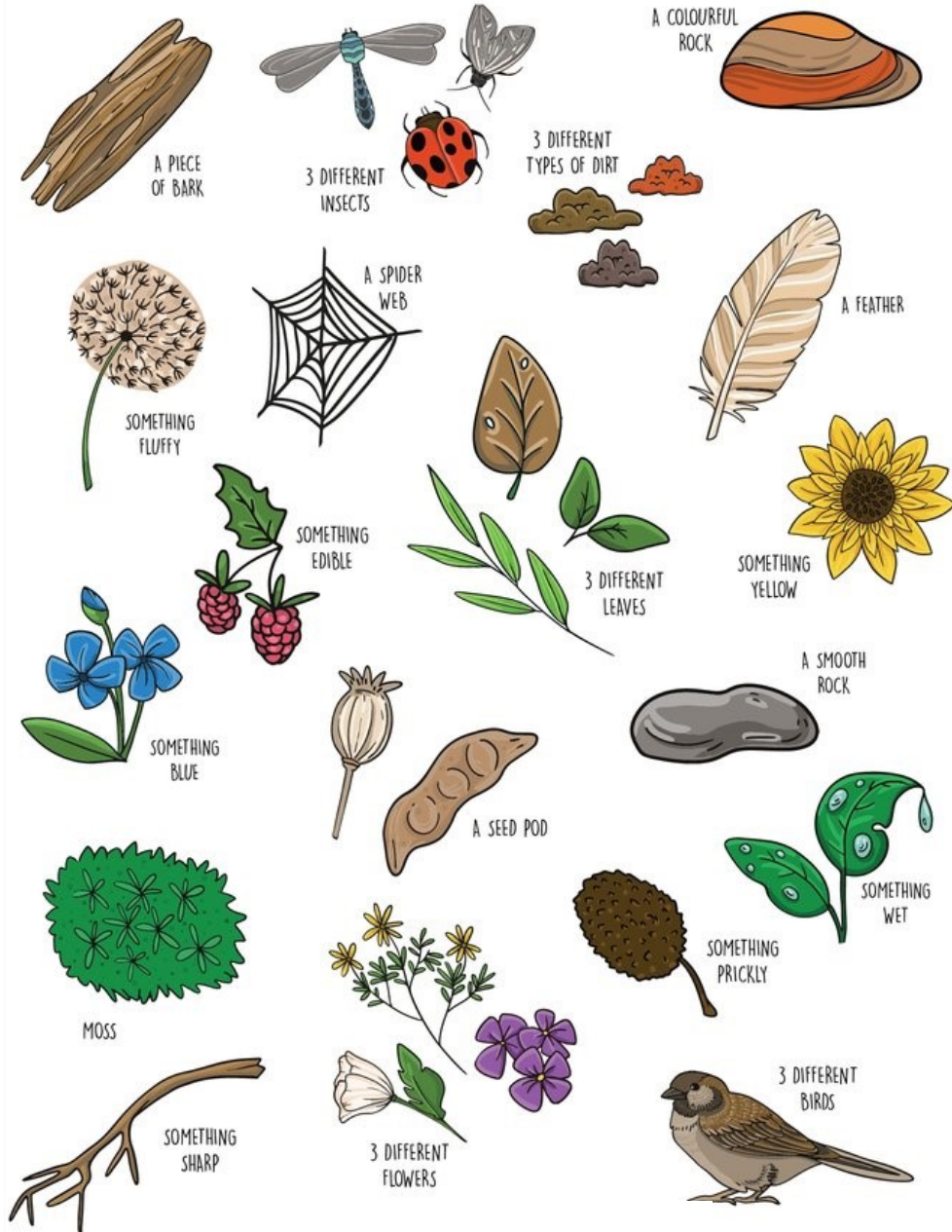




Nature Hunt



Can you find these things whilst out walking?

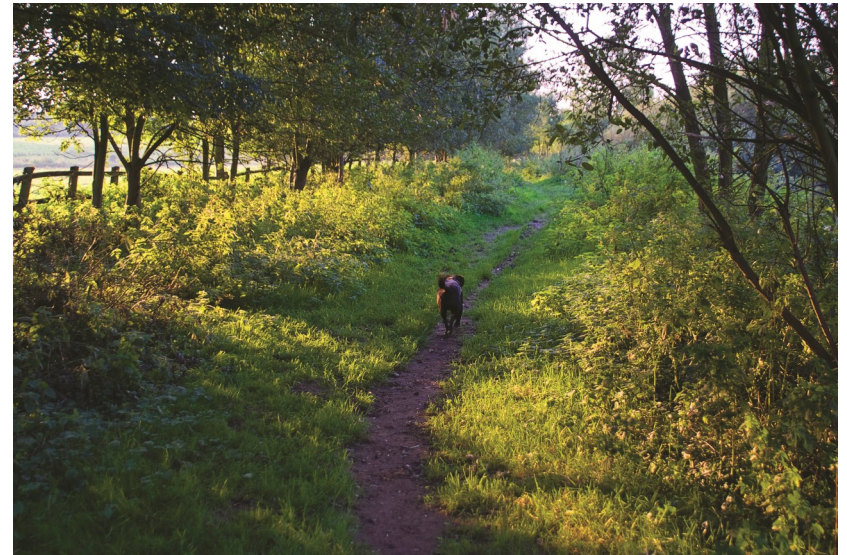


OPT circular walks



A walk from in and around Oxford

This circular walk is approximately 5 miles and takes around two hours at a steady pace.



Parking: Park at the car park along Meadow Lane

By Bus: Numbers 16 and 16A from St Aldates take you to Donnington Bridge.

This is also a good cycle ride for families as the route is mainly off road.

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1. Leave the car park and walk to Donnington Bridge Road. Cross the road and walk down the lane past the Bridge Stores shop.
2. Continue along the lane to the village of Iffley. Turn right onto Church Way and follow this until you reach the thatched Church Hall.
3. Ahead is the Norman church of St Mary the Virgin which is rather special and worth a detour to view. Out of the church gate, turn left down Mill Lane
4. Continue until you reach the Manor House on your right. Directly opposite are some steep steps leading you down to Iffley Lock. Cross the bridges to the other side of the river and turn left along the towpath.
5. Keep along this path under a road bridge and a little further along a railway bridge. Turn right through the Fishes Gate (designed by local sculpture Paul Amey).
6. Walk across the field following the Sustrans Cycle Path and continue down the path with the railway on your right until you reach Sandford Lane.
7. Turn left down the lane and across the bridge to reach Sandford Lock.
8. Continue along the Thames Path heading back towards the city taking you across several islands. Look out for St John's College barge moored outside the hotel in Sandford.
9. A little further upstream (across the river on your right) is Heyford Meadow OPT's nature reserve. After the green metal bridge, turn right and re-join the river bank in the flood meadow.
10. You will soon reach the Fishes Gate again. From here bear right and return towards Iffley Lock.
11. This time, keep the river on your right and walk through Iffley Meadow SSSI (Site of Scientific Interest) to reach Donnington Bridge. Turn right along the pavement, across the bridge and back to your car on Meadow Lane.

Iffley Meadows is know for the tens of thousands of snake's head fritillaries which flower in April and are a sight well-worth seeing.

