



Spring Activity Trail for Families on Ashdown Forest

This trail starts from Broadstone car park on the Colemans Hatch Road, grid reference TQ435323. There are 2 entrances to this car park.

The trail is 1.6 miles /3km long and will take approximately 1 hour to complete (without stops). The route is hilly, and the paths are wet and muddy in places. It is not suitable for pushchairs. There are some wonderful views towards the North Downs.

There is a small refreshment cabin serving hot drinks between 10.30am and 3.30pm. There are no toilets.

Dogs need to be kept under close control at all times. Please clear up after you dog, no one likes treading in dog mess.

You will need a pencil and a piece of string to help complete the trail activities (coloured pencils optional).

For more information about this area download the Broadstone Amble walk (number 6) from our website

<http://www.ashdownforest.org/enjoy/walking/MappedWalks.php>.

To hear about the song of the woodlark visit the audio trail on our website.

<http://www.ashdownforest.org/enjoy/AudioTour.php>.

For more information about Bumblebees visit the Bumblebee Conservation Trust

<http://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/>

Along the route you will find 8 waymarker disks with bumble bees painted on them. They are attached to 3 types of trees – Oak, Scots Pine and Silver Birch. Look carefully at the trees and feel the bark, by the end of the walk you should be able to identify each tree just by the look and feel of the bark.



Scots pine is an evergreen and you should be able to see the dark green needle like leaves.

Silver birch has silver /white bark in places, you may be able to see some catkins and perhaps some new bright green leaves.

Oak has rough bark and all the leaf and flower buds at the end of the twigs.