



Livingston & Calders Libraries

Summer Reading Challenge

Family Treasure Hunt

Based in Almondell Country Park

Almondell & Calderwood Country Park is a popular 220-acre visitor attraction near Broxburn. It offers beautiful woodland and riverside walks, picnic areas with seating and a hireable barbecue facility. The park's Visitor Centre offers a warm welcome enjoy refreshments as you look out over the garden. Adjacent to the Visitor Centre is a play area for children. Let's explore!!!

Almondell Country Park Visitor Centre,
Near Broxburn,
West Lothian,
EH52 5PE

Popular with families, walkers, cyclists (Route 75 runs through the park), runners, horse riders and community groups, the Country Park is enjoyed throughout the year for its history, scenery and displays of snowdrops, daffodils, azalea and rhododendron. The park has good links with other paths and greenspaces in West Lothian.

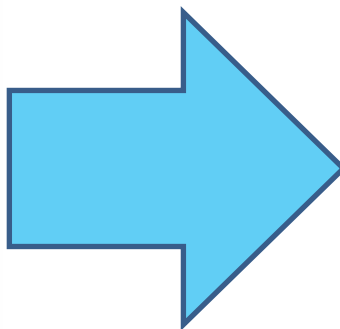


The Country Park is a wildlife haven with roe deer, fox, heron, otters and woodpeckers all making their home here. Calderwood SSSI is an ancient woodland and a contrast to Almondell. Explore the trails and discover bluebells and fascinating fungi.



About this Treasure Hunt

This trail takes you through Almondell Woodland. It is around 1.7 Kilometers and takes approximately 1 hour. There are 10 information boards along the walk for you to find. Once you find the boards, read the clue and eliminate the answers from the back of this pack.



Direction 1

Standing with your back to the visitor centre, take the path to the left and join the top path.



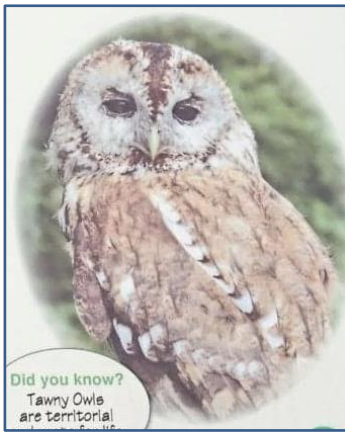
Clue 1

On the 'Deciduous Woodland' board, what is the common name of the plant in the photo to the left?

(Clue: it's the same name as an animal)

Direction 2

Continue along the path to find clue number 2.



Clue 2

Tawny owls eat a diet of what?

Eliminate **3** answers from the answers on the back.



You're doing great, let's do 10 star jumps!!!

Direction 3

Stay on the path and head over the bridge. Do not head up the hill.... instead, veer half right and take the path which follows the stream. See next photo for clearer directions.



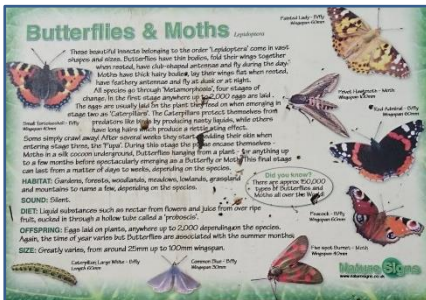
Clue 3

Ox Eye daisies have what colour of petals?

Direction 4

Enjoy a leisurely stroll along the path by the stream

Can you say "red lorry, yellow lorry" fast 10 times?



Clue 4

What size of bodies do butterflies have?

Find the answer and cross it off your answers.

Direction 5

Continue along the path till you reach the green bridge on the right.

Walk over the bridge and turn right for a leisurely stroll along the path.

Let's see how far you can hop on one leg!!!



Clue 5

Photo to the left:

What does this animal mainly eat?

(You're half way!)

Direction 6

Continue your leisurely stroll along the path.



Clue 6

Photo to the left:

This is the name of the animal in the image's offspring. Find it and score it off the back.

You're doing great!

Direction 7

Continue along the path then head up onto the main path. Do not go over the bridge, instead, walk ahead and almost immediately veer right onto the lower path.

You will eventually cross over the bridge next to the dedication stone - continue along the path.



Why not have a game of 'I-Spy' while looking for the next information board?



Clue 7

What size of ears and colour of eyes, does the animal in the previous image have?

Eliminate 2 answers.

Direction 8

Continue along the path for clue number 8.



Clue 8

Photo bottom of previous page:

What colour is the bird in this image?

Once you find the colour, score it off the answers on the

Listen.....

What can you hear?

Direction 9

Continue along the path until you get to the next information board.



Clue 9

Life within a log pile

A build-up of leaf litter attracts which hibernating animal?

Direction 10

You're nearly there!!!

Keep your eyes open for the last information board.



Clue 10

****Last question!****

Otters offspring are called what?



You've done it!

Well done on completing the Family Treasure Hunt!

Well done - you have now completed the 'Family Treasure Hunt', you should now be able to find the title to the famous children's book by using the 3 words that you have left.

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We hope that you have enjoyed this activityon your left you will now see the children's play park with picnic benches. Its time to go play and have fun or have a seat, relax and enjoy the Country Park.

Eliminate your answers from the words below.....

❖ White

❖ Cubs

❖ Large

❖ Small
mammals

❖ Hen

❖ Frogs

❖ Thin

❖ Grey

❖ Earthworms

❖ Little

❖ Hedgehog

❖ Mice

❖ Dog

❖ Fawn

❖ Red

❖ Black