



DRAGONFLY TRAIL

1 hr and 10 minutes Path-based trail for all ages (suitable for wheelchair users)

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 HYDE PARK CORNER TUBE →

A far-roaming trail that zips through Hyde Park, discovering some of our invertebrate-focused conservation projects along the way.

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1. Reedbed habit

Reedbeds provide food and shelter for invertebrates and birds (listen out for reed warblers in spring!) They also clean the water by absorbing nutrients and filtering out silt.



2. Heron Island

Heron nest and roost on the island opposite. Aquatic invertebrates and fish provide perfect food for these and other wetland birds, so they don't need people to feed them.



3. Serpentine Bridge

The Serpentine and Long Water are actually one waterbody, created in the 1730's. They're home to millions of invertebrates, including the spangled water beetle which is found in only one other location in the UK.



4. Deadwood

We leave deadwood in the parks as shelter and a food source for wildlife. Detritivores and decomposers recycle dead organic matter and carbon back into the soil, helping plants and trees to grow.



5. Pollinator sculpture

This sculpture features bees, butterflies, hoverflies and beetles, and is carved from part of an old oak tree which once stood in Kensington Gardens.



6. Wildflower meadow

This grassland has been sown with wildflower seed and planted with early spring flowers to provide foraging habitat for pollinators and other wildlife (you may see goldfinch feeding from seed heads in late summer!)



7. Dragonfly sculpture

Spot dragonflies and damselflies flitting across the meadow, hunting for flying insects. Dragonflies have two pairs of wings that they can move independently, enabling them to fly upside-down, hover in mid-air and even fly backwards!



8. The North Meadow

This meadow is only cut twice a year to provide richer habitat for wildlife. In summer, you can hear male grasshoppers and crickets calling for mates, whilst butterflies search for nectar.



9. The Hyde Park Learning Centre

This area is open to school groups and on public 'Discovery Days' for children to discover and enjoy nature. Have a peek through the fence to our pollinator garden and sensory trail, and check online for information about our Discovery Days and nature roadshows.

We would love to see photographs of your walks
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