

Little Wittenham Wood

Trees are amazing! But they don't just look pretty – they are critical to the web of life. This wood is internationally important because of the great crested newts that live here. The ponds and surrounding habitat make it a perfect place for them.

Explore the wood

Can you see any of these trees and shrubs as you explore the wood? As well as looking different they feel different too. **How many different types of tree and shrub can you see as you explore the wood?**

Tree facts

Some trees are really good for providing shelter. Their branches give you shade to keep cool on hot days or shelter from the wind and rain. And it's not just you – they protect all the other animals living here, too.

Which would be your favourite tree to shelter under?

Box mystery

How many of these can you see in the trees?

What do you think they are for?

On the way home...

Think of five things you saw or found today and create a story about them to entertain everyone on the way home.

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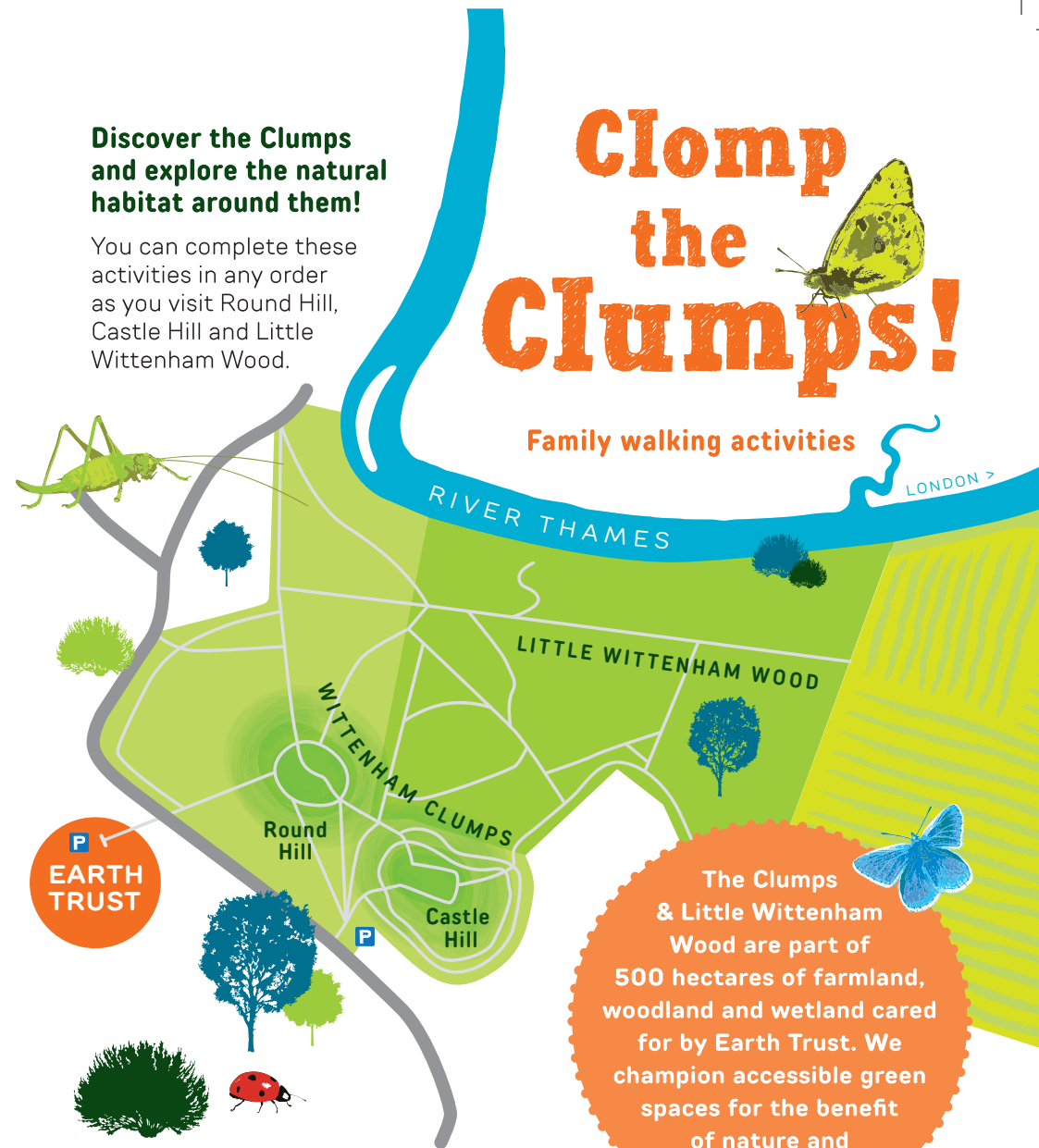
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Discover the Clumps and explore the natural habitat around them!

You can complete these activities in any order as you visit Round Hill, Castle Hill and Little Wittenham Wood.

Clomp the Clumps!

Family walking activities



The Clumps & Little Wittenham Wood are part of 500 hectares of farmland, woodland and wetland cared for by Earth Trust. We champion accessible green spaces for the benefit of nature and people.

Nature shaped this land in the Ice Age and people have worked and lived here as far back as the Iron Age. The sights, sounds and smells of nature that you experience now are very similar to those that people would have been familiar with thousands of years ago.

Explore this amazing landscape and see what wonders you can find!





Buzzard

Round Hill

Castle Hill



Red kite

This Clump is surrounded by wildflower-rich grasslands. We carefully manage the grasslands by grazing cattle and sheep so that beautiful wildflowers can thrive.

Is it a bird...?

This is a great place for bird spotting, especially birds such as red kites, buzzards and skylarks.

How many different birds can you spot on your walk?

Growing rainbows

There is a rainbow of colour in this area, whatever the season.

Which colours can you find today?

How do you think the colours might alter if you came here at a different time of year?

Storm the hill!

It was a great location for a fort; you would have been able to see any enemies coming up the river and from the surrounding area.

Storm the hill fort – run up to the top as fast as you can!

Bees, bugs & butterflies

All sorts of insects love this place.

Which insects will you meet on your walk today?

Can you tell the difference between them? You'll have to be quick – they can be fast movers!

- ☐ butterfly
- ☐ ladybird
- ☐ dragonfly
- ☐ damselfly
- ☐ moth
- ☐ spider
- ☐ bee

Clouded yellow butterfly

Common blue butterfly

Seven-spot ladybird

Skylark

Common field grasshopper

What can you hear?

The tallest trees and the smallest insects all make their own unique sounds. As you walk, listen carefully.

What sounds you can hear?
Can you hear a cricket's song or the wind in the trees?