

BioBlitz Cambridge!



1pm Friday 2 July – 1pm Saturday 3 July, Coe Fen

Cambridge

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Co-ordinated by Community Affairs and the Museum of Zoology
at the University of Cambridge.

www.museum.zoo.cam.ac.uk

Welcome to Cambridge's first ever BioBlitz!

We invite you to join in the hunt to discover as many species as you can under the guidance of wildlife experts. As well as taking part in the species survey there will be numerous information stands and hands on activities, including the opportunity to dissect a cowpat, create beautiful butterflies to take home and get up close and personal with skunks from Shepreth Wildlife Park.

Activities which are running at specific times have been italicised.

It is recommended that participants in the BioBlitz wear long trousers, sturdy shoes and bring a sun hat. Don't forget your sunscreen, water and insect repellent.

Begin at Base camp

Start your day at Base camp. Pick up a recording form, map and information sheet to assist you on your species hunt. Members of the Community Affairs team from the University of Cambridge will be on hand to help get you get started.



Join in the following activities

Anglia Ruskin University and UK Ladybird Survey

Discover how to record ladybirds and the threat of the harlequin ladybird Invasion.

Will run bug hunts at 2pm, 4pm and 6pm on Friday and 10.30am and 12pm on Saturday

BirdTrack

Find out more about this online bird recording scheme that monitors migration and distribution patterns.

Will run on Saturday only, hourly bird recording walks from 8am

Cambridge Bat Group and Bat Conservation Trust

Discover more about these fascinating creatures and take part in some arts and crafts activities.

Cambridgeshire Mammal Group

Do any mammals live on Coe Fen? Find out at this information stand.

Cow pat critters with Chris Graham

Join Chris Graham from Long Road Sixth Form College for some cow pat dissection! Investigate the creatures that live in cow pats.

Will run on Saturday only, at 10am and 11.30am



Museum of Zoology

Get crafty with the Museum's handling collection at their hands on stand.

RSPB

Increase your knowledge of bird conservation with RSPB.

Shepreth Wildlife Park

Get up close and personal with invertebrates, birds and, our favourite; the skunks!

Will run on Friday only

STEM TEAM Cambridgeshire

Create your very own diagram of a plant or animal cell using sweets in the Incredible edible cell.

Will run on Friday only

The Open University and iSpot

Find out how to identify your wildlife finds using iSpot.

Bug hunts at 3pm on Friday and 10am on Saturday

The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Peterborough

Take part in butterfly themed activities and create beautiful butterflies to take home.

Wildlife experts

There will be wildlife experts present throughout the BioBlitz to assist you with your surveying. There will be experts in snails, birds, grasses, beetles, mammals, spiders and many more. Find out where the experts are stationed at Base camp.

We're pleased to welcome specialists from the Cambridge Natural History Society, the Botanic Gardens, and Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Biological Records Centre, who will be on hand to verify species sightings and assist with the survey.

All results collected at the Cambridge BioBlitz will be fed into the local records at the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Biological Records Centre, and will contribute to Coe Fen receiving nature reserve status over the next 12 months.

About Community Affairs

Community Affairs acts as an information point for the public. We work across the University and Colleges to support community activities. The programmes we support range from annual festivals, one day events, student run schemes and education programmes.
www.cam.ac.uk/communityaffairs



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What's On

The best way to find out about future events from the University is to visit the 'What's On' website which lists all of the up-and-coming activities, from family events to lectures. www.cam.ac.uk/whatson

About the Museum of Zoology

The Museum of Zoology is home to a huge variety of recent and fossil animals. The collections rival those of the major university museums world-wide, and displays trace the evolution of animal life. The museum is open Monday - Friday, 10am - 4.45pm, and Saturday 11am - 4pm. Admission free. www.museum.zoo.cam.ac.uk

About Renaissance East of England

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