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Butterflies



Do your bit to support our native butterflies by providing them with a nice home and a good food source.

Visit www.woodlandtrust.org.uk for a step by step guide on how to build your very own butterfly house.

Nominations are now open for UK Tree of the Year 2017

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Invite a Tree to Tea!

Celebrate woods and trees with us this summer by hosting a tree party for friends and family.

Apply for your free fundraising picnic box and make your tree the guest of honour.

Hello and welcome to the July issue of the Carbon Copy newsletter.

Summer is in full swing and we have enjoyed some beautiful weather throughout the country; the perfect opportunity to take some woodland walks, indulge in a picnic or two and really just soak up some of the sights that are country's woodland has to offer at this time of year.

Our commitment to the Woodland Trust is such that we are actually giving back to the British countryside. Did you know that the UK has the lowest woodland covering of any of the European countries? We're working hard to change this, woodland provides so much more than cleaner air and ecosystems, it provides habitats for various species of animal including endangered species; woodland areas are sites of natural beauty and provide opportunities for family days out, walks, wildlife watching and so much more.

Top 9 outdoor activities for kids this summer

If you're stuck for activity ideas this summer, check out the list below from Jessica Benson at the Woodland Trust:

- 1 Boat race** – Choose a piece of bark or curved leaf for the main body of your boat, then build it up using mud to attach a stick mast, and perhaps a leaf or two for sails.
- 2 Nature trails** – Spotting and naming nature can be hours of fun. You can use insect spotter sheet from the Woodland Trust website.
- 3 Have a sensory experience** – Fun for all ages, drink in the sights, sounds, smells and textures of the great outdoors.
- 4 Build a den** – Find a stable tree as the base then start collecting logs to lean against the trunk. Make sure to use leaves, twigs and branches to make it sturdy and cosy. Please remember to never cut anything down or damage the wood for your den.
- 5 Create art!** – Leaf printing is also great, messy fun. You can collect leaves, pinecones, and other textured items, and take them home, where you can dunk them in paint and print their shapes onto paper, or you could bring a matt, some big paper and paint out with you and try it on the spot.
- 6 Press flowers** – Carefully collect one or two flower heads, or some leaves that have dropped to the floor and store them for later. When you get home, lay them between two sheets of kitchen roll and then place between the pages of a nice thick book. Later in the year, they'll be dry and preserved forever. It'll be lovely to look again in autumn and remember the day with your child.
- 7 Lay a treasure trail** – Use twigs, leaves, pinecones, anything you can find and lay out signals through the woods, or between the trees, to lead to some 'treasure'.
- 8 Climb a tree** – So many children gain their love and respect for nature while climbing in trees. It's their own little world. It's good to keep half an eye on them, but trees are the perfect climbing frames for children.
- 9 Wet weather plan** – Since it's British Summer Time, there's every chance you'll plan a beautiful picnic and have your plans thwarted by the weather. No matter! Deep in the woods find a wide tree with a good canopy and you'll be pretty sheltered from the weather, or tuck into a cave if you're lucky.