

gNat's Nature Pond

gNat's Nature Pond is not stocked with fish and is a haven for many birds and insects. Around the Nature Pond you will find native plant species including the Yellow Flag Iris, White Water Lily, Purple Loosestrife, Marsh Marigold, Meadow Sweet and Ragged Robin. In the spring frogs are spawning and in the summer many dragonflies can be seen, how many can you count? Also in the summer the water level of the nature pond drops naturally, creating a draw-down zone which is highly beneficial to wildlife, particularly insects.

Early-Purple Orchid



take only
photographs
and leave only
footprints

Yellow Flag Iris



Frog



Please do not Disturb the Anglers

Nature Trail Safety

For safety our Lake Meadow is strictly only to be entered or used between 8am and 10pm.

All children must be fully supervised by a competent adult all all times - no exceptions.

Most of the trail runs alongside our lakes, so please keep a close eye on your children.

NO DOGS, NO PETS, no bicycles or vehicles are allowed in the Lake Meadow.

Follow The Countryside Code

Be Safe Consider Other People

Protect Plants and Animals Take Away Your Litter

Carn Moor Nature Reserve

We also have our own private access to a public footpath which runs through the Carn Moor Nature Reserve and Conservation Area, adjacent to the park. Please go through the kissing gate at the back of the children's adventure play area and walk to the left. This is an area classified by the Cornwall Wildlife Trust as "an important flowering heathland and wetland", part of the Tywarnhayle Common.

Instead, if you turn right at the kissing gate, you will walk to Wheal Albert, a mine ruin from the days when mining was a major industry in Cornwall.

Butterfly, Bug and Bee Garden

Visit our Butterfly, Bug and Bee Garden, just look to the left below the roundabout as you face towards the exit to the park.

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gNat's Nature Trail



Perran Springs
holiday park

Enjoy a short stroll in the countryside
around our lake meadow

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The route of gNat's Nature Trail is easy to follow. Just follow the paw prints on the map and keep to the cut grass pathways in the Lake Meadow. Around the Trail you will find 'Nature Watch' information signs to read.

1 Near the start of the Trail is an area of marsh, which although looks uninteresting, supports a large variety of wildlife. In the hedgerows, you will see some small oak trees. In the UK, the oak provides a habitat for more organisms, and especially insects, than any other tree.

2 At this point, you can see across our Butterfly Lake. Flowers within the meadow provide essential nectar for butterflies and the nearby nettles, holly and ivy provide food for the caterpillars.

3 From the bridge, you are able to look over the Reedmace across our Mayfly Lake, which has been home to Moorhens and Kingfishers for a number of years. Reedmace became known as Bulrush after a painting 'Moses in the Bulrushes' by Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema. It showed the baby in a basket among plants of this type and many botanists have now given up the argument that the name is incorrect.

4 Birds are often seen swooping low over the water and bats may be viewed at dusk. We have provided nestboxes around the park for a variety of birds, including the nuthatch, woodpecker, starling, tree and house sparrow, robin, marsh tit, wagtail, barn owl and the bat (mammal). A short cut can be taken from here to point 8. Continuing along the path, there is a wooded area to the left which is a marsh area for most of the year. Lichen, moss and types of fern grow here in the sheltered damp environment.

5 Here you overlook our Dragonfly Lake, this is the largest lake and is home to a selection of specimen carp. Look down, as you can often see fry and some larger fish swimming around, where the stream enters the lake. Also look out for visiting Mallard Ducks and Canada Geese.

6 A higher viewpoint. Look out for our local Jay, Barn Owl, Buzzard, Sparrowhawk and Grey Heron.

7 We have planted many trees and sowed wildflower seeds in the Meadow and manage the Meadow carefully. Follow the path, passing the Pendulous Sedge and Gunnera Manicata (Giant Rhubarb), to gNat's Nature Pond.

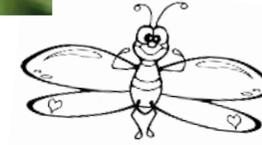


Gunnera Manicata



Hawker Dragonfly

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Biodiversity is Best

The Meadow and the adjacent land offer a wide range of habitats including open water, marshland, meadowland, hedgerows and a wooded area. Each provides for its' own selection of species and is home to a variety of trees, plants, grasses, flowers, animals, insects and birds.

All photographs have been taken at Perran Springs.



Moorhen



White Water Lily

Pathway from Fox Recreation Meadow



Fox



Feeding the Ducks