

Fenland Animals



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Animal trail

Throughout the day, the fenland animals you can see and hear, change. Some animals are active in the day, and others are active at night. Some are small & some are big, some have feathers or fur and others have lots of legs!
Use this trail throughout the day to find different fenland animals.



8am: Can you hear the birds chirping this morning? Stand outside and listen carefully! There is a wide variety of birds that live in the fens - how many different birdsongs can you hear? Try recreating the sounds you can hear too!

9am: Now you've had your breakfast, look around the garden to see if you can spot the different foods a fenland animal might eat for their breakfast! Can you see a variety of plants, insects, seeds and other animals like birds that a fenland animal would eat? Draw the animal's breakfast here:

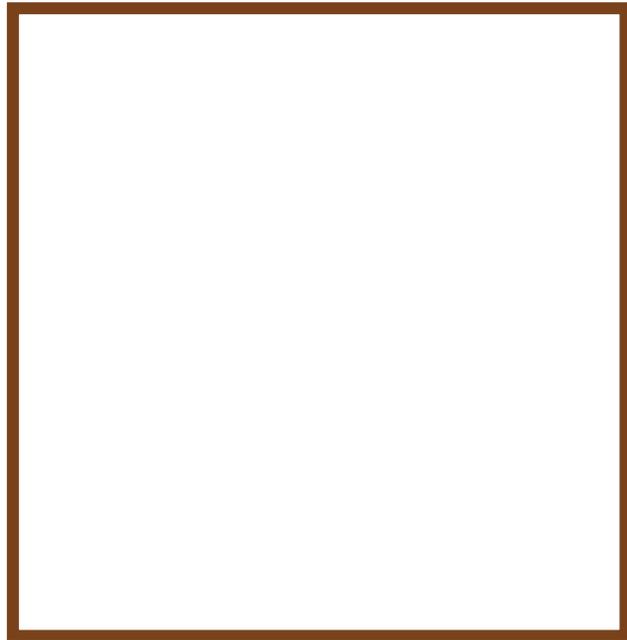


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10am: You can often see, or smell, evidence that a fenland animal has visited recently. Can you see a paw print or something else that might tell you which animal it was? Why not try recreating this & make a hand or footprint in the mud!

11am: There are many beautiful, unique birds that live in the fens. Keep your eyes peeled for evidence of them! Will you spot a feather, see a nest or hear them first? Draw or stick your evidence here.



12pm: Now it's lunchtime! Humans eat some of the same foods as fenland animals, but sometimes the animals will eat the seeds of a plant, but humans will eat a product made with it, like wheat which we eat as bread. Try making a fenland lunch inspired by these plants & fruits!



1pm: Animals in the fens move in different ways. Some fly high in the sky by flapping their wings, others run quickly along the ground. Can you mimic these animals & their movements? Have a go at;

- Curling up in a tight ball like a hedgehog
- Run quickly like a fox
- Flapping your arms like a heron in flight
- Kick your legs like a whooper swan swimming
- Lay on the ground & wiggle like an eel
- Jump up high like a hare

2pm: Fenland animals live in a variety of habitats, some live in nests high up in the trees, but others live underground in dens. Have a go at making your own habitat! Will you make a nest from twigs or make a den in your bedroom?



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3pm: It's snack time! Try making this bird feeder for your garden & enjoy a snack at the same time. Ask an adult to help you cut an orange in half & scoop out the fruit which you can enjoy! Poke some holes in the skin & thread some string through. Then add some bird seed to the orange half, and hang it up in your garden.



4pm: Challenge everyone at home to a bug hunt! Go out in to the garden & give everyone 1 minute to find as many different types of bugs & insects as they can. Remember to look to the sky to see bees and butterflies & in the ground to see things like worms and ants. The person who finds the biggest variety wins!



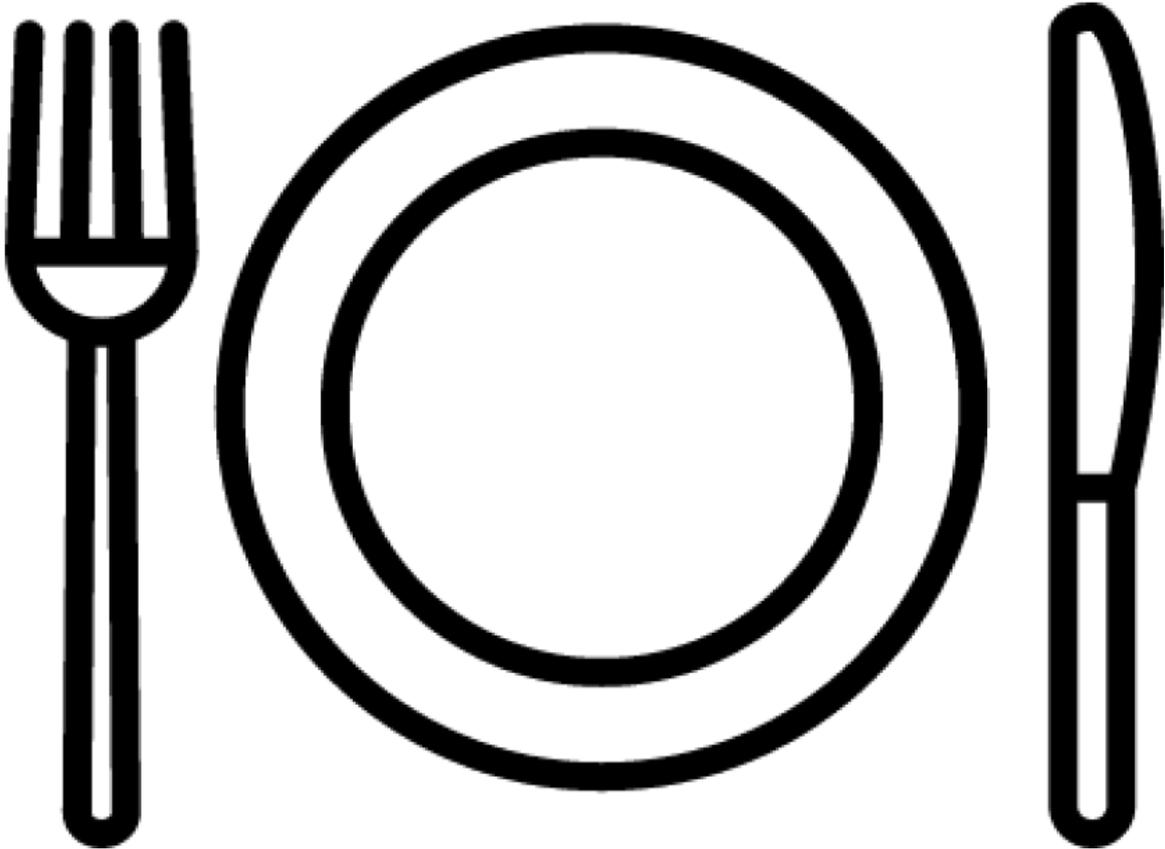
5pm: Draw a fenland habitat for an animal! Which animal will you choose? Will it have lots of plants, be by the water or be on dry land? Think about the different places your animal will need to hunt for food & the types of environments they like to live in.



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6pm: It's dinner time! Plan a fenland animal inspired menu for dinner - will you make a badger burger or an earth worm soup? Perhaps you'd like some swan ice cream or a squirrel milk shake? Draw your dinner on the plate!



7pm: Fenland animals feature in many different stories! Have a look on your book shelves to find a story featuring one or have a go at coming up with your own. You could take inspiration from Beatrix Potter, the Wind in the Willows or Roald Dahl! If you write your own story, which fenland animals or locations will you choose? Will it be a silly, scary, happy or sad story?



8pm: Some fenland animals are nocturnal. This means they are active at night when we are asleep. Look out the window to see if you can see or hear any nocturnal animals - some might fly like moths or bats and others might be on the ground like a hedgehog. Can you see any?

