

DUKE'S WOOD



# CHESTNUT TRAIL

## YOU WILL NEED...

- a pen or pencil
- a watch

THIS TRAIL IS  
**1.6KM**

## STAG BEETLES



### FACT!

Our largest native beetle, an adult stag beetle, can be up to 75mm long – measure your longest finger to see how a stag beetle would compare.

The male beetles have large 'antlers' which is probably where they got their name from! Stag beetle larvae feed on decaying wood for three to seven years – so the buried stumperies, like the ones we have created here are a fantastic habitat for these rare beetles. Adult stag beetles only live for a month and cannot feed, so they survive on fat reserves they built up as larvae.

75mm

Look out for one of our Stag Beetle Stumperies!

## CHALLENGE!

Stag beetles can fly, although they are large, heavy and slow! Why not play a game of stag-tag!

One of you becomes the male stag beetle and makes horns with their hands. They have to 'beetle' around, trying to tag someone with their antlers.

Follow the **blue route**...

...and look out for the **LANDMARKS** along the way



A Natural Partnership

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## BASINGSTOKE CANAL

Raft spider



FACT!

Alongside the canal you will see some shallow ponds.

These mini reservoirs, which are called Flashes are great nature reserves and are home to lots of species, including Raft spiders, the largest spider in Britain! You probably won't spot a Raft Spider because it can stay under the surface for as long as an hour – it does this by breathing air that is trapped in bubbles under the hair on its body.



## BE A NATURE DETECTIVE!!

About eighty percent of the earth's animals are insects. Sit quietly beside the Flash for five minutes and see how many insects you can spot? Some may be flying, some crawling and some might even seem to be walking on the water!



Pond skater

Dragonfly



## CHALLENGE!

How long can you hold your breath?

Get an adult to time you!  
Write down your answer in seconds.

I can hold my breath for...  
..... seconds

## HEATHLAND HABITATS



FACT!

Before the army arrived in 1854 Aldershot was a small settlement, built on a large heath!

Heathland is the perfect habitat for reptiles and some rare birds. We are gradually removing the Silver Birch trees to encourage our heathland habitat alongside this trail.

Swallow	Birch
Lizard	Heather
Grayling	Gorse
Slow worm	Nightjar
Kestrel	Woodlark
Ants	Snake
Bees	Linnet
Adder	Toad

## SOLVE IT!

See how many Heathland creatures you can find in the wordsearch

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