



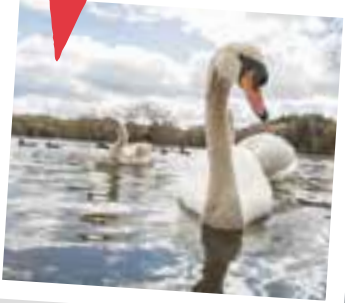
SYCAMORE TRAIL

YOU WILL NEED...

- a pen or pencil
- 🚶 Chalk Farm Lake has an accessible picnic spot – why not bring some food and stay for a while!

THIS TRAIL IS
1.1KM

WATER BIRDS



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Swan



Coot



Mallard

FACT!

Birds that live on the water are known as **water birds** or **water fowl**.

Look at the photographs. These birds can all be found here. They don't all look the same, but because they all live in or around water they have similarities including webbed feet and oily feathers. Why do you think webbed feet and oily feathers are so common amongst these birds?

QUESTION

Male and female Mallard ducks look very different. The males have green heads and yellow beaks, the females have brown feathers and orange beaks.

Which is harder to see on the lake?
Why do you think the females have brown feathers?

Follow the **red** route...

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



CHALLENGE!

Spend 15 minutes counting all the water birds you can see on the Lake.

Using the photographs, identify the different species and make a table to record the birds you've seen.

A Natural Partnership

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MORE OVER...

SYCAMORE TRAIL

BE A NATURE DETECTIVE!!

Not all the birds at Chalk Farm Lake have feathers!

Seek out our biggest birds (**top-tip – they aren't actually in the water**). Can you use your water bird spotting skills to identify these beautiful birds?

FEEDING BREAD TO WATER BIRDS IS NOT GOOD

It fills them up and stops them eating a healthy, balanced diet.

If you want to feed the water birds please bring them oats, grains, defrosted peas and sweetcorn, salad or rice.



IMPORTANT FACT!

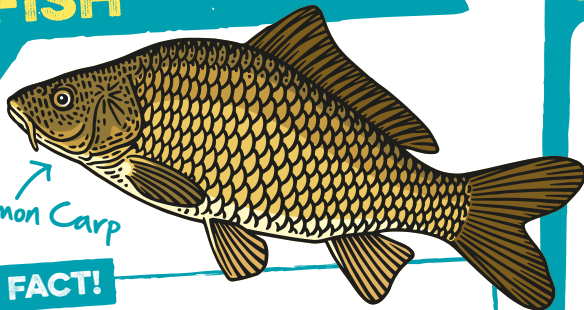


CHALLENGE!

Spread the word that bread is bad for birds!

Could you design a poster or maybe make a short cartoon or film? Share your ideas with us, we can't wait to see them!

FRESHWATER FISH



Common Carp

FACT!

Chalk Farm Lake is a popular fishing lake that is used by the Aldershot Garrison Angling Club and home to a variety of different species of fish including the common carp.

The common carp is one of the longest-living freshwater fish and can reach the age of 40. These fish are not a native species, they were probably brought by the Romans and kept for food by monks in the middle ages.

SOLVE IT! LOOK!

See how many water species you can find in the wordsearch

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Goose
Mallard
Carp
Tench
Coot
Dragonfly
Swan
Moorhen
Minnow
Frog
Newt
Tadpole
Damselfly
Mayfly



SEEK!

Stand a safe distance from the water's edge and look for evidence of fish?

The lake is quite deep what signs might you see or hear?

