

PARK THEMED ACTIVITIES



WILDLIFE ACTIVITY PACKS

*A fun guide full of activities you can do at home
to get creative and learn about wildlife.*



ACTIVITY 1

Design a park

Age
10 - 15

In this creative challenge, you get to design your own fully functioning park.

Imagine that you work for the parks department at Ipswich Borough Council. You have been given an area of land to make into a new park. What would you include? How would it look?

Draw out your park, thinking about:

- What facilities will you have in your park? Will there be a café or a playground? Will it be a nature reserve? Don't forget things like toilets and bins too!
- Think about wildlife – will you have a lake or some ponds, perhaps a stream and some bird hides so your visitors can watch the wildlife?
- Make sure there is something for all ages, maybe a play area for young people, a nice walk for dog walkers, benches for the elderly to sit on and solid paths for people with pushchairs or wheelchairs.
- How will the park be managed? Will there be a team of people working there all the time? Will they do talks and visits with schools?

These are just a few ideas to get you started. This project is about being creative but also thinking about what people want and need from a park. Think about why you and your family go to the park or the places you like to visit on holiday, could you include any of these things in your park? The possibilities are endless!

We would love to see your park designs, share your ideas with us on social media by tagging us @ipswichgov and #ipswichparklife.



ACTIVITY 2

Make a park from recycled items

Age
10 and
under

If you have completed activity one, why not make a 3D model of a park using recycled items.

Whether it's a cardboard merry-go-round, a washing up bowl boating lake, a yoghurt pot swing set or a climbing frame made from straws, get creative and let your imagination go wild!

Again, you will need to think about what sort of things you want in a park, and don't forget areas for wildlife and something for everyone to enjoy.

We would love to see your recycled parks! Get an adult to share photos or videos of your parks on social media by tagging us @ipswichgov or #ipswichparklife



ACTIVITY 3

A snail obstacle course

Age
10 and
under

Everyone has a snail or two in their garden (unless they have a very hungry hedgehog!), why not give them something fun to do and make a snail obstacle course!

Using cardboard, scissors, tape and anything else you think will make a good obstacle course, get creative and design a complex course. Why not have multiple rounds, maybe a straight race then a maze and then a seesaw round – put the snails through their paces. Put some yummy fruit and veg at the end to give them a nice reward for taking part!

Always put your snails back where you found them and don't play with individuals for too long as you don't want to upset the snails. Also remember to be very careful of their fragile shells and don't put anything in the obstacle course that may hurt the snails.



ACTIVITY 4

Design a park flowerbed

Age
10 and
under

Here is your chance to think like one of our landscape and grounds maintenance team members and design a flowerbed in one of our parks.

Decide which park you would like your flowerbed to be in, then think of a funky shape or design. Think about both colour and design but also think about what types of plants you want to use. Plus, don't forget the wildlife! Perhaps sunflowers for the birds, wildflowers for the bees, log piles and bug boxes in between flowers for insects and hedgehog ramps so they can snuffle around your flowerbeds at night. Maybe a butterfly shaped garden full of flowers the butterflies will love.

Think about the kind of plants you usually see in flowerbeds in parks and gardens and what works well together. If you want your flowerbed to smell nice as well as look beautiful, maybe use some roses or lavender?

Maybe you can even put some of these plants into your own garden at home! This is your chance to get creative and see what it's like to be a landscape gardener for the day!



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