

# Spring into Summer Nature on the Heath

Hampstead Heath and Kenwood managed by the City of London Corporation and English Heritage are central London's most nature-rich landscapes. Explore their meadow, woodland and wetland habitats and rich diversity of animals and plants.

## Busy Parents

Kestrels nest in tree holes, feeding their young on voles and mice. Females and males share this task. Watch them hovering over meadows in search of prey.



Photos: Ken Copsley



## Secretive Serpents

Grass snakes are shy and rarely seen outside of fenced areas. They are now laying eggs. Volunteers help by making habitat piles whose hot interiors are ideal for incubation.



Grass Snake

Photo: Duncan Chapman



Photo: Heath Hands



Heather

Photo: Adrian Brooker

## Heathland Restoration

Heather was once a prominent feature of the Heath's acid soils. It is now being restored.

## Taking Off

Once rare in London, the Marbled White, is increasingly sighted on the Heath in Summer.



Marbled White

Photo: Ken Wong

## Studying the Heath

Scientific studies on the Heath are revealing how plants and animals are affected by people, dogs and climate change and what we can do about it.



The diversity of plant species in a standard area is measured to assess meadow quality in the Kings Meadow project at Kenwood.



Photo: Liz Andrew

Pond life is studied to understand the impact of pesticides from dog flea treatments.



Photo: Adrian Brooker

Wildlife surveys reveal remarkable biodiversity. In a single year, volunteers may record over 100 kinds of birds, 30 kinds of butterflies and 20 kinds of dragonflies.

Be nature aware

- BIRDS NESTING**  
Dogs on leads or well-controlled
- AVOID CONTACT**  
Watch out for Oak Processionary Moth
- DANGER**  
Possible blue-green algae in ponds
- NO FIRES or BBQS**  
Help prevent wildfires
- SAVE POND LIFE**  
Swim dogs only in designated ponds
- FROGLETS MIGRATING**  
Watch your step

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