



# Bug Safari

Safari around your garden and local green space to see what insects you can find. From earthworms to butterflies there is plenty to discover and we've provided you with a Bug Safari sheet for you to print out and take with you on your adventures.

Here's some hints and tips to help you on your bug safari:

- Carefully lift stones and small logs to find woodlice, millipedes and earthworms.
- Beetles and spiders often hide in the cracks of the bark of trees and the bricks of buildings
- Have a look in the long grass to see if there are ants, crickets and grasshoppers but be aware of ticks which also like the long grass. If you do end up with a tick attached to you, ensure you remove the tick safely. For more advice on tick bites please visit the NHS website here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/>
- Look under leaves and shrubs for caterpillars and little beetles.
- The bugs you find on your safari might depend on the time of year and the weather. On warm days, crickets, grasshoppers and butterflies are often found and on damp, rainy days you'll find more snails, earthworms and slugs

When you are out on your safari, please remember:

- Try to avoid picking bugs up with your fingertips in case you accidentally squash them
- If you are holding a bug make sure you do so close to the ground, just in case you drop them.
- Gently replace stones and logs that you have lifted up, being careful not to squash the bugs underneath them.
- If you want to pick up a slug or a snail try to do so with damp hands to prevent any damage to the slug or snail's skin and to ensure they do not get too warm in your hand.
- Handle any bug for as short a time as possible and always place them gently back where you found them.

To explore more of the habitats of the South Downs and the critters and creatures you may find in them please visit our YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/sdnpa>

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How many bugs can you find on your safari in your garden or community green space?

ladybird

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butterfly

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slug

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snail

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beetle



woodlice

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ant

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centipede

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earthworm

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