

The North Downs, a living landscape? Worksheet

7 Characteristics of living things

Use the 10 photographs of a selection of plants, animals, features and landmarks of the North Downs landscape to explore and compare the differences between things that are living and non-living.

Look carefully at each photograph and go through the 7 characteristics of living things for each one. Put a tick in the box if you think it does have that characteristic or a cross if you think it doesn't. For example, a cross has been put in the movement box for Coldrum stones because they do not move.



Coldrum stones

Characteristics of living things:	Coldrum Stones	Chalkhill blue butterfly	Hornbeam tree	Goat	Primrose	Wooden signpost	Fallen leaf	Leaflet	Green woodpecker	Assault course wall
Movement	X									
Reproduction										
Sensitivity										
Growth										
Respiration										
Excretion										
Nutrition										

Movement - Animals move to find food and keep away from predators, plants move to face the light

Reproduction - the ability to produce babies (offspring) to keep the species in existence

Sensitivity - responding and reacting to factors of the environment such as light, temperature and water

Growth - Growing larger and stronger becoming adult size

Respiration - Turning food into energy

Excretion - Getting rid of waste

Nutrition - Animals need food for respiration, plants need minerals from the soil



Primrose



Coldrum Stones





Wooden signpost



Hornbeam tree



Assault course wall



Green woodpecker



Goat



Fallen leaves



Bluebells



This park is well-known for its colourful displays of bluebells in the springtime.

Green Woodpecker



The green woodpecker can be seen in the park, as can the lesser and greater spotted woodpeckers, tawny owls and sparrowhawks.

Grassland Wonders



Part of the park is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), mainly due to the chalk grassland slopes. These areas were created by early settlers who cleared woodland to graze livestock.

In later years, the grassland was left to scrub over as the grazing of livestock moved to the richer pastures of the Weald. The grassland now supports a range of wild flowers and a fabulous array of butterflies each summer, including the Chalkhill Blue and the rare Musk Orchid.



History and facilities

Trosley Country Park, once part of the Trosley Towers Estate, covers 170 acres of beautiful woodland and chalk downland on the North Downs. It is home to a rich variety of wildlife.

Bluebell Café

The café serves drinks and refreshments daily throughout the year. The café is open from 10am to 3pm in the winter months and from 9.30am until 4pm during the summer.

Special Events

For our special events programme visit our website or pick up the dedicated programme leaflets from the foyer for details.

Unlimited Parking

Enjoy unlimited parking at all Kent Country Parks with our annual season ticket. For further details, call 08458 247600.

How to find us

Trosley Country Park is open daily (except Christmas Day) from 8:30am until dusk.

Contact:

Trosley Country Park, Waterlow Road, Vigo, Kent DA13 0SG

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Web: www.kent.gov.uk/kentcountryparks

By car

Signposted off the A227 between Meopham and Wrotham.



By bus

The Arriva bus service 308 runs, Monday - Friday, from Bluewater to Sevenoaks stopping at Trosley Country Park.

For enquiries tel: Traveline **0871 200 22 33**.

By train

The nearest stations are Meopham (4.8 miles, 7.7 km) and Borough Green (3.6 miles, 5.8 km). Both are served by the 308 Arriva bus and taxis. For rail enquiries call **08457 48 49 50**.

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Leaflet





Chalkhill blue butterfly