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# Natural Heritage Parks

Information for schools and groups

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**Do you have a group or class who would like to visit their local park? You can pond dip, visit woods, go rock pooling or help look after your local park.**

The Natural Heritage Service manages 12 Natural Heritage Parks across the City of Edinburgh and the Pentland Hills Regional Park. These Natural Heritage Parks include a wealth of habitats which support wildlife and include Local Nature Reserves (LNR); Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAM). These designations reflect the important wildlife, heritage and geology of the parks.



**We want you to enjoy the parks and learn about the fascinating history and wildlife. You can also learn how to look after these special places.**

- Edinburgh's Foreshore
- River Almond Walkway
- Cammo Estate
- Corstorphine Hill Local Nature Reserve
- Ravelston Woods Local Nature Reserve
- Water of Leith Walkway (Balerno to Leith)
- Meadow's Yard local Nature Reserve
- Craigmillar Castle Park
- Hermitage of Braid and Blackford Hill Local Nature Reserve
- Easter and Wester Craiglockhart Hill Local Nature Reserve
- Colinton and Craiglockhart Dells
- Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park Local Nature Reserve
- Pentland Hills Regional Park

**We can offer guidance on how to get the best from your visit including:**

- Park information
- Training for group leaders/teachers
- Equipment to borrow e.g for pond dipping

**Further information and resources**

- [www.pentlandhills.org](http://www.pentlandhills.org)
- [www.edinburghoutdoors.org.uk](http://www.edinburghoutdoors.org.uk)
- [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk)

**Booking procedure**

If you would like to visit one of our parks, please book in advance so we can help make your visit better. It will mean your visit will not clash with other groups, protect the resource you want to study and enjoy and help us to monitor its use.

Please download a form from the City of Edinburgh Council website or the Pentland Hills Regional Park website at:

[www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20064/parks\\_and\\_green\\_spaces/270/natural\\_heritage\\_sites](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20064/parks_and_green_spaces/270/natural_heritage_sites)

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