

The Parks Trust
YOUTH RANGERS

My Bat Activity Pack!



Name:

Age:

Fun Facts

- There are 18 species of bat in the UK.
- Bats make up one quarter of all mammal species in the UK.
- UK bats hunt for their food using "echolocation".
- All UK bats eat insects, but some in other countries eat fruit and even blood!
- Our smallest bat species can eat up to 3,000 insects in one night!
- Our smallest bat is the Pipistrelle.
- Our largest bat is the Noctule.

Find out one fun fact for yourself and write it below:

Bat Recipe

Things bats like to eat:

Moth Mosquito Beetle Grasshopper Cricket
Shield bug Crane fly Lacewing Caddis fly
May fly Midge fly

Use the space below to write a new recipe or draw a meal for a bat! What does your recipe make? How much of each ingredient do you need? What will the meal look like?

Caring for Bats

Did you know?

Bats are "protected" in the UK. This means that it is illegal to harm or disturb them. Bats are protected because there are a lot fewer bats in the UK than there should be.

At The Parks Trust we protect areas of land where bats are living, protect their habitats to keep their food safe, and put up bat boxes which they can use to sleep in.

Challenge

Visit one of our parks and look high up into the trees. If you see any bat boxes, write down where you saw them and if they had a number on below:



Blank white space for writing the results of the challenge.

Quiz

Cross out the wrong answer or circle the correct one

1. All bats drink blood

True / False

2. Bats are a type of bird

True / False

3. Bats are furry

True / False

4. Bats are blind

True / False

5. Bats lay eggs

True / False

6. Baby bats are called pups

True / False

7. Bats are protected

True / False

8. There are 18 species of bat
in the UK

True / False

Answers on the last page!

Score: /8



Activities

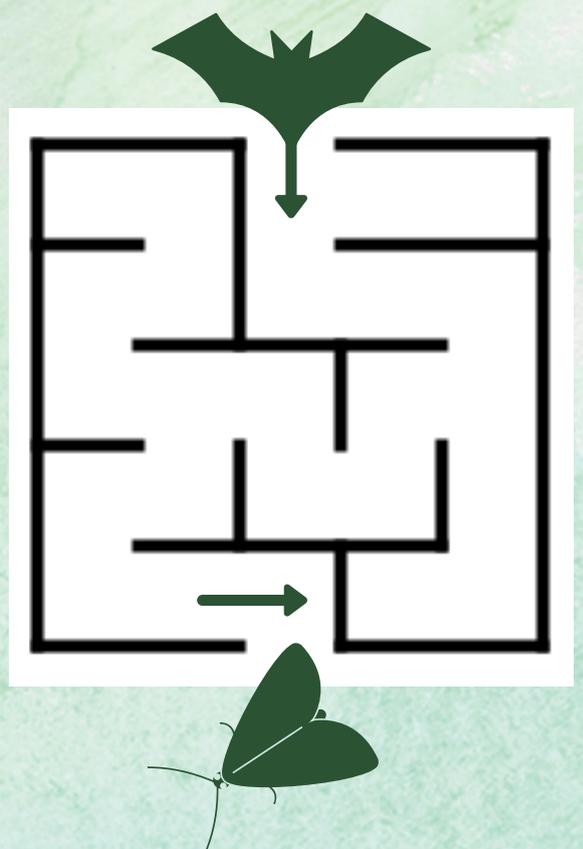
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- INSECT
- WING
- NOCTURNAL
- ROOST
- PUP
- NOCTULE
- ECHOLOCATE
- HORSESHOE
- PIPISTRELLE
- MAMMAL

Above: Find all the words in the word search

Right: Get the bat to its dinner!

Solutions on back page



Become a Bat

Here are some extra activity ideas for you to try!

Bed Sheet Bats

Ask an adult for an old bed sheet. Tie it to your top and hands and create your own wings! Flap around the house or garden and imagine what it would be like to fly. Did you know, some bats can also catch food with their wings. Can you catch a ball with yours?

Echolocation Obstacle Course

Ask an adult to help you set up an obstacle course. Now close your eyes and try to find your way around the room using only sound - you can try humming, singing or clicking to see which sound helps you find and avoid the objects easier.

Top tip: Always have a partner to help steer you away from danger! Use taller obstacles so you can find them at head-height. Start with just one obstacle to try out your skills before you make the whole course.

Don't forget to be careful when you move around the course - shuffle your feet and move slowly.

