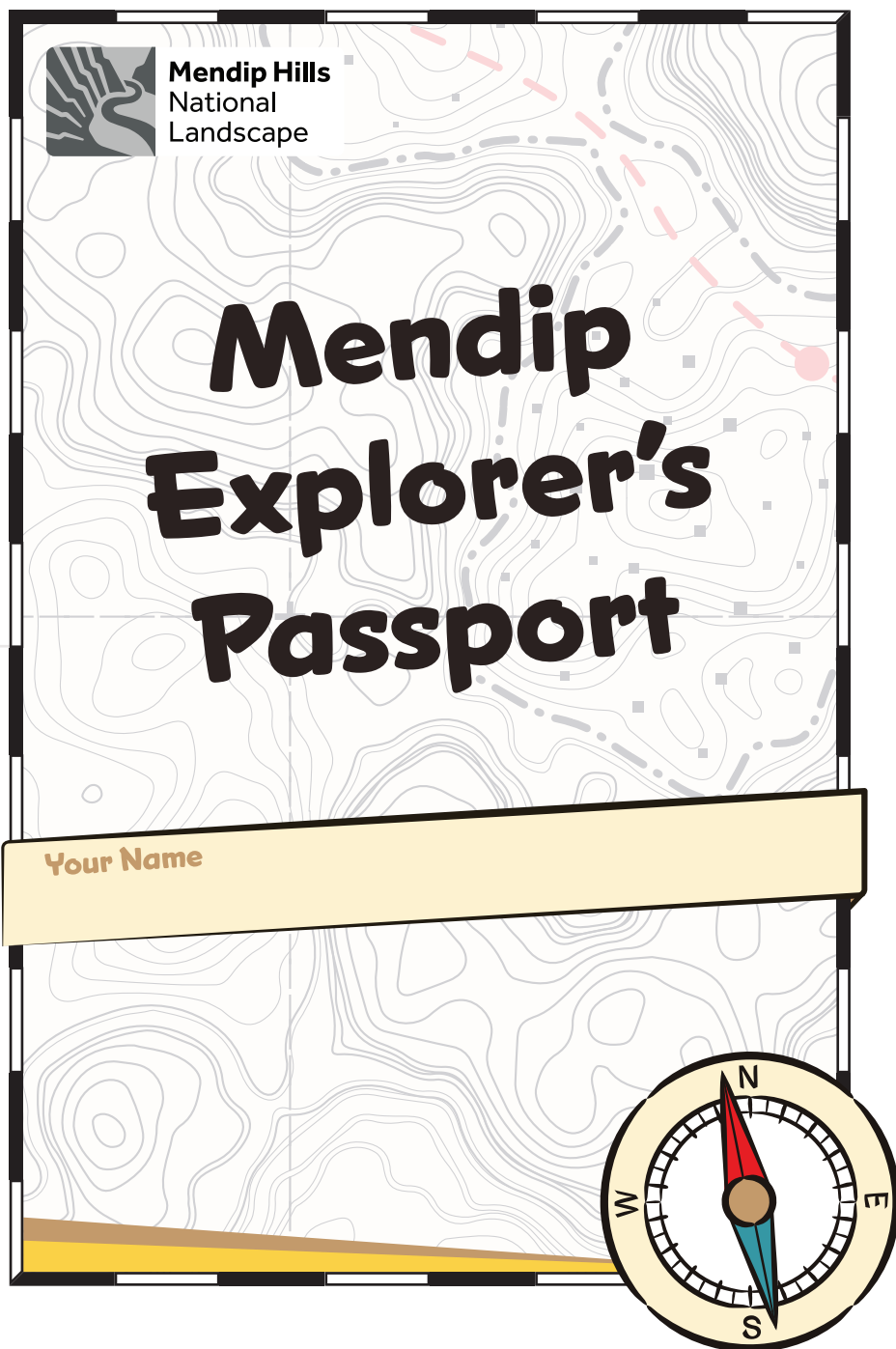




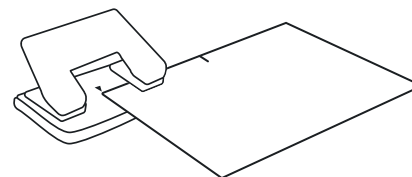
How to assemble your passport

Step 1.

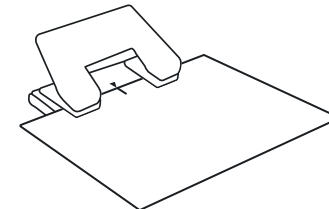
Cut along the dotted line in the middle of each page to separate the A4 into A5 pages. Organise all of the pages into a stack using the page numbers in the bottom right.

Step 2.

Line a whole punch up to the bottom of the stack of pages like this, and then repeat at the top. It might be easier to split the stack in half so that you're not punching a hole through too many pages.



Then line the hole punch up with the little grey line in the middle of the page, like normal. This should give you four holes in total.



Step 3.

Lastly, loop some string through all four holes to bind the passport together.

Remember!

Take some chunky crayons or charcoal with you and enjoy yourself!

Don't include this page in the passport.



Dear Mendip Explorer,

This passport will take you all over the Mendip Hills National Landscape as you complete your missions. You will go to eight different places, complete activities and record your mission in the passport. There are eight missions to complete.

For each mission you will find a page with directions and two activities. You can choose which activity to complete, or you can complete them both. There are also some extra ideas of things to do whilst you are there. When you have completed your activity, you can record your visit by finding the animal picture and making a rubbing of the picture into your passport. You will need a crayon or pencil for this – crayons work best.

There are eight different animal picture rubbings to collect and the rubbing plaques look like this:



The Countryside Code

Whilst you're out exploring, don't forget to follow the countryside code. This helps to keep you, your friends and family, and all the animals safe.



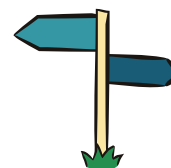
Respect everyone

- be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside
- leave gates and property as you find them
- do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking
- be nice, say hello, share the space
- follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available



Protect the environment

- take your litter home - leave no trace of your visit
- do not light fires and only have BBQs where signs say you can
- always keep dogs under control and in sight
- dog poo - bag it and bin it in any public waste bin or take it home
- care for nature - do not cause damage or disturbance

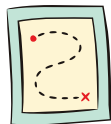


Enjoy the outdoors

- check your route and local conditions
- plan your adventure - know what to expect and what you can do
- enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory

Mission: Water Vole

Chew Valley Lake



There are two Pay and Display car parks:

Salt and Malt (BS40 8XS)

what3words:///restriction.waged.nosedive

Near the wooded picnic area, just down from the Salt and Malt car park (BS40 8XS)

what3words:///waltzes.replied.hides



Plaque location

The rubbing plaque is on the Grebe trail (a circular trail). From either car park, follow the tarmacked recreational trail to the information board at the start of the Grebe Trail (what3words:///waltzes.replied.hides).

Take the left hand (tarmacked) recreational trail to the first footbridge (approx. 40m). The plaque is on the wooden fencing on the footbridge
what3words:///tailing.skipped.birthdays.



Activities

Go on a treasure hunt to find some "hidden treasures" that most people miss when visiting the lake. It can be anything, maybe a reflection in the water, a small flower or a pretty pebble. You could take a photo of the treasures that you see and share them with a friend.

Lots of creatures live in and on the water – stand still and see how many you can see. If you lived here what would you like to be? A bird, a fish or maybe a water vole?

Extra Ways to Explore

There are two trails to explore at Chew valley, the Grebe and Bittern Trail.



Mission: Water Vole

Chew Valley Lake

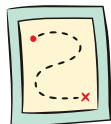
This page is for you to make a rubbing of the water vole picture.

Did you know?

Water voles live along rivers, streams and ditches, around ponds and lakes.

Mission: Butterfly

Burrington Ham



Car park:

Roadside car park at the top of Burrington Combe
what3words.com/late.recovery.baguette



Plaque location

There are two bridleways leaving the car park, take the bridleway on the left which goes up the wide stoney track. Go through the metal gate and continue along the path.

The path forks, take the left hand fork, signposted footpath. Walk along this path. The rubbing plaque is on a short wooden post, in a ditch in the middle of the path.
what3words.com/dragging.hikes.zaps



Activities

Stand still and close your eyes and listen. Count the number of the sounds that you can hear. How many sounds can you hear? What is the loudest sound and what is the quietest "hidden" sound?

Visit in the early autumn and forage some delicious blackberries.

Extra Ways to Explore

There is an orienteering course for Burrington ham.

You can download the map here:

bristolorienting.org.uk/permanent-courses/burrington-ham

There are lots of paths on Burrington Ham, you can follow the track down through the woods or follow the path along the top. Go for a wander and see what you can find.



Mission: Butterfly

Burrington Ham

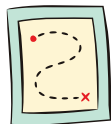
This page is for you to make a rubbing of the butterfly picture.

Did you know?

The caterpillar for the small pearl bordered fritillary butterfly is a very fussy eater and only eats violets. Planting violets will help this butterfly survive.

Mission: Adder

Black Down



Car park:

Lay-by parking at the top of Burrington Combe
[what3words:///inhaled.pairings.cobbled](https://www.what3words.com/what3words:///inhaled.pairings.cobbled)

Alternatively, park at
[what3words:///unwound.crumb.iceberg](https://www.what3words.com/what3words:///unwound.crumb.iceberg) and walk up the path beside the road.



Plaque location

From the layby parking, walk up the path (signposted Bridleway), through the trees. Go through the gate, the rubbing plaque is on the gate post. [what3words:///loans.takeovers.pounces](https://www.what3words.com/what3words:///loans.takeovers.pounces)



Activities

The trees that grow on top of the hills grow in some strange shapes. Can you write a story about a day in the life of a tree?

As you explore this wild place, find things which are soft and hard, rough and smooth. How many different textures can you find?

Extra Ways to Explore

Continue up the path (signposted Bridleway) to the trig point at the top of the hill, this is the highest point on the Mendip Hills. What can you see?

Follow the path to the right (signposted Limestone Link and Bridleway) that goes along the side of the hill, this path leads to a stream after about 1km.



Mission: Adder

Black Down

This page is for you to make a rubbing of the adder picture.

Did you know?

Adders don't have ears but they are very sensitive to vibration – they will know you're there because of the vibrations from your footsteps.

Mission: Skylark

Deer Leap



Car park:

Deer Leap Car Park (access from Priddy or Wookey Hole village),
what3words.com/using.grub.racing



Plaque location

From the car park, go through the gate into the field. Follow the path as it goes across the field towards the stone wall. Go through the gate to the next field. The plaque is on the back of the "Cook's Field" information board.
what3words.com/explained.like.tenders



Activities

This is a place of big, beautiful views. Can you find something very small and very beautiful? Take a photo of it or draw it.

Visit at dusk to watch the sunset (if you do this in winter you won't even have to stay up late!)

Extra Ways to Explore

Bring a picnic and enjoy a meal with a view.

Go over the stile or through the gate and follow the footpath signs to explore more.

Look out for the skylarks that live here.



Mission: Skylark

Deer Leap

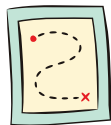
This page is for you to make a rubbing of the skylark picture.

Did you know?

Skylarks don't build their nests in trees, instead they nest on the ground- be careful where you tread!

Mission: Beetle

Stockhill



Car park:

There is a car park at the entrance to Stockhill Woods, Old Bristol Road, Priddy, Mendip, Somerset, Sat Nav Postcode: BA5 3AS
what3words:///plums.writings.universally



Plaque location

Follow the "Spruce Trail" from the car park into the woods. The Spruce Trail meanders through the trees. You will soon arrive at a T-junction in the path. The rubbing plaque is on the back of the signpost at the path T-junction. what3words:///vowed.retailing.sweetly

(Please note: What 3 Words is not very accurate at this location, it is easier to just follow the signs for the Spruce trail.)



Activities

Create some wild art using things you can collect from the ground. You could use leaves, stones, nuts or sticks to make a picture or pattern.
Take a photo of your creation.

Look around for green things. How many different shades of green can you see today?

Extra Ways to Explore

Bring a picnic to enjoy in the picnic area near the car park.

Follow the path and explore the woods.



Mission: Beetle

Stockhill

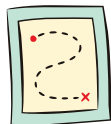
This page is for you to make a rubbing of the beetle picture.

Did you know?

The oil beetle young take a piggy back ride on bees to get to new parts of the meadow.

Mission: Bat

Ebbor Gorge



Car park:

Ebbor Gorge Nature Reserve, Deer Leap Road -
accessed from Priddy or Wookey Hole
what3words:///speedy.messy.invite



Plaque location

Go to the large information board in the car park, the
plaque is on the "Woodland Ramble".

Climb over the stone stile and follow the path down the
steps through the woods.

The rubbing plaque is on the fence near the bottom of
the steps.

what3words is unavailable at this location but the plaque
can easily be found by following "Woodland Ramble"
route signs.



Activities

There are some amazing views here, take a minute to
enjoy the view and then take a photo to take home
with you.

People have lived here since the Stone Age. How do
you think it would feel to have lived here all that time
ago? Where would you have slept? What would you eat?
What would you wear?

Extra Ways to Explore

Follow the signs and climb up through the gorge.

Some very big animals used to live here. Can you find a statue of a
cave bear nearby?



Mission: Bat

Ebbor Gorge

This page is for you to make a rubbing of the bat picture.

Did you know?

Greater horseshoe bats live in caves, as
well as, old buildings such as churches
and barns.

Mission: Cheddar Pink

Black Rock



Car park:

Layby parking at Black Rock Nature Reserve,
Cliff Road, Cheddar
what3words:///washed.alternate.deposits



Plaque location

From the road follow the wide path signposted Black Rock Quarry. The rubbing plaque is on a gate post just across the path from the quarry (near a bench).
what3words:///hobbyists.rope.slot



Activities

There are lots of great shapes in nature and lots of things that could be other things. Look around and find some interesting shapes. Can you find a leaf that is shaped like a heart, a stick that looks like a snake or a cloud that looks like an animal?

There are lots of amazing rocks here. Look at the rocks and all the different colours. How many colours can you see in the rock?

Extra Ways to Explore

Look for the amazing colours of nature, take a photo or draw a painting of all the colours of nature that you see. Can you see something red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple?

There are lots of footpaths to explore here, you can follow the trail up through the woods or continue up through the valley and have a picnic.



Mission: Cheddar Pink

Black Rock

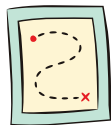
This page is for you to make a rubbing of the Cheddar Pink picture.

Did you know?

The Cheddar Pink is the county flower of Somerset, it likes dry and sunny limestone rocks just like Cheddar Gorge!

Mission: Dormouse

King's Wood



Car park:

King's Wood National Trust Car Park, Winscombe Hill.
Just off A38 between Winscombe and the
Axbridge/A371 turn-off.
what3words:///bunny.tightrope.pokers



Plaque location

Go through the gate from the car park and turn left,
follow the path along through the woods, go through a
large gate. Continue along the path as it goes through
the woods to a second large gate (approx. 1km).
The rubbing plaque is on the side of the gate post.
what3words:///hints.chilled.pampering



Activities

Find your favourite tree. Take a photo of you and your
favourite tree.

Watch the birds fly. Different birds fly differently,
some dart about, some are swoopy and some bob
around. Watch the birds fly and see if you can spot the
differences!

Extra Ways to Explore

There are some great trees to explore in these woods (top tip: head
back towards the car park and then up the path to find some trees
which make excellent seats!)

Trees have lots of different patterns on their bark. Find some different
trees and create some tree rubbings using a crayon and some paper
(you could even decorate your passport with tree rubbings).



Mission: Dormouse

King's Wood

This page is for you to make a rubbing of the dormouse picture.

Did you know?

Dormice sleep a lot. In fact, they sleep for
half their lives, with their long tail wrapped
around them.



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