

Key

- 1. Compost & Bugs
- 2. Energy
- 3. Recycling
- 4. Natural habitats
- 5. Pollination
- 6. Crop rotation & Food Growing
- 7. Water Usage



GO discover!

For the full GO Discover trail, please ask for a map in reception.



Creature Trail

At Ryton Gardens we manage our gardens using **organic** methods - this means working with and **encouraging** nature. Because of this, we have lots of **creatures** who all play a part in the life of the garden. Search the gardens and see if you can **discover** the creatures, learn something new you may not have known before and have **fun** along the way!

Grass Snake

How many compost heaps can you find in the garden? Which one do you think a grass snake would like the most?

Bee

How many types of bee are there in the UK? Can you spot any of our solitary bee homes in the garden?

Bird

What do birds eat? Why not try and find berry bushes or the bird feeders that we put up as extra food.

Snail

What shapes can you see in the snails shell, can you draw them?

Ladybird

Why do ladybirds play such an important role in the organic garden? How many aphids do you think a ladybird's larvae has the potential to eat?

Hedgehog

Hedgehogs are struggling to find somewhere safe to live, what do you think you could do to help them?

Ground Beetle

Ground beetles are predators, but they are also prey. Can you think of any animals on this map which would eat a ground beetle for dinner?

Centipede

Centipedes are nocturnal which means they are mainly active at night time. Can you think of any other insect or animal that is nocturnal?

Dormouse

What is a dormouse house made of? Can you find any material in the garden to make the perfect house?

Ant

Why not carefully tilt a plant pot and see if you can spot any busy ants underneath!

Slug

We have lots of organic ways of trying to control slugs, why not see how many you can find around the gardens.

Woodlouse

Have a look under different stones, logs or leaves to see if you can find a woodlouse

Millipede

If you find the wooden millipede in the garden, see if you can count how many legs it has.

Fruit Fly

Can you find somewhere in the garden with lots of fruit flies? What is there that attracts them?

Earthworm

See if you can find any wonderful worms hiding in a compost bin or wormery.

Bat

What do bats eat which helps the organic grower?