



Explore Bedgebury's tree collection to find Gruffalo, his child and many of his friends amongst the firs, pines and spruce. Tread lightly; every step brings you closer to the wildlife that live here. The sculptures are set amongst the trees that provide vital habitats for many creatures, both big and small. You can learn more about the real animals that live here using the map whilst you explore.

Discover the wildlife amongst the trees



Gruffalo Sculptures

Explorer's Guide



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Take your time

Conditions can be slippery underfoot, so please take care and make sure you are wearing appropriate footwear. Most of the sculptures are accessible with buggies in dry weather. There's no need to rush - depending on the age of your young explorers you can take several visits to find the Gruffalo and all of his friends. You can always come back, become a member of the Friends of Bedgebury Pinetum to enjoy the pinetum and forest all year round.*

Or set yourself a mega challenge to find them all in one day, good luck, it can be done! The shortest route is 3.5km, it will take several hours at a leisurely pace.

Follow the forest code

Please respect and protect the wildlife living in the pinetum by treading carefully, not climbing on the sculptures or trees, and taking any litter home. This map shows the position of the sculptures. All except two take you away from paths, so you'll need to be adventurous. The Gruffalo and his friends are hiding off hard paths and do not have waymarkers. There are some steep and grassy slopes along the way. Conditions can be slippery underfoot, so please take care and make sure you are wearing appropriate footwear. Most of the sculptures are accessible with buggies in dry weather.

Branch out...

...in the 800 hectare forest and pinetum. A healthy, fun place for all ages and abilities.

- Explore the National Pinetum, a collection of conifers from around the world
- Follow in the footsteps of historic plant hunters on the play trail
- Cycle in the forest on miles of off road trails, the family cycle trail or, for a more challenging ride, try the 13km singletrack
- Swing by Go Ape for a tree top adventure on free-fall Tarzan swings and high-speed zip wires
- Enjoy a walk at your own pace on accessible paths
- Pause for a snack, hot drink or full lunch at the Bedgebury cafe
- Try geocaching, orienteering or running
- Stretch your legs on a dog walk in the forest
- Bring your horse if you're a member of TROT (tollrides.co.uk)



* With a Friends of Bedgebury Pinetum membership you can enjoy unlimited admission during normal opening hours. Or you may want to take advantage of our early bird off-peak offer: £3 admission provided you exit by 11am.

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Bedgebury National Pinetum

Gruffalo Sculptures Map

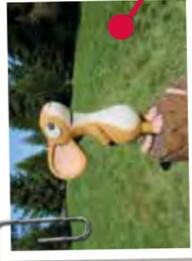
Why not try another Gruffalo adventure? Go Gruffalo Orienteering by bike or on foot through the forest – buy a map at the bike hire shop. You can also find a map to purchase on arrival at the visitor centre for £2, to help you discover the wider forest, as well as the pinetum.

What's for dinner?

Mice happily nibble on grass and tree seeds. But mice make a tasty treat too and if they're not careful they'll end up as someone else's dinner! Foxes, owls and snakes are particularly partial to a mouse.

Mice like to live in underground holes and use long grass and trees to hide in, leaping and climbing away from danger.

Look around. If you were as small as a mouse where would you hide to stay safe?



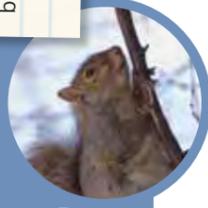
Mouse

Clue: Follow the grass path opposite the hedge from the viewpoint

Stripping the cones bare

Can you see anything tasty to eat around here? Our squirrels can. Bedgebury is like a bulging lunch box for them. They munch on the acorns from the oak trees and gorge on the seeds from the conifer cones. They have to chew deep into the cones to get the seeds out – a bit like a frenzied digging for buried treasure. It gets very messy!

Keep your eyes open for the left over 'cores'.



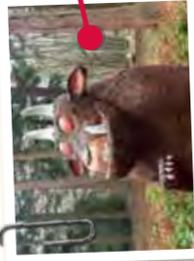
Squirrel

Clue: To the left of the bench and big oak tree

The scariest creature in the woods?

The beauty of Bedgebury is that there are many conifers – most of which stay green all year round to give cover and camouflage. So it's a great place for the Gruffalo to hide.

If you were as big as the Gruffalo, how would you keep hidden from the big bad Mouse?



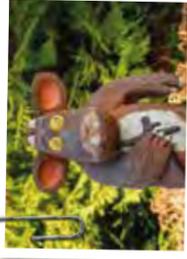
Gruffalo

Clue: Amongst the pines, half way down (or up!) the hill

Feeling brave?

The Gruffalo's Child loves exploring Bedgebury. Look how far she's wandered away from her father! There are so many different plants and animals to spot here that it's easy to get carried away.

Whisper in her ear to remind her to find her home before it gets dark.



Gruffalo's Child

Clue: Top of the sunken track, follow the grass path next to tall trees



Fox

Clue: Between the path and the river, near the bridge

Who's been sneaking around our trees?

Foxes are hard to spot in the daytime but sometimes we find their poo. They like to poo on high places to show they're boss! We welcome them here because they hunt rabbits, who munch on and injure our young trees.

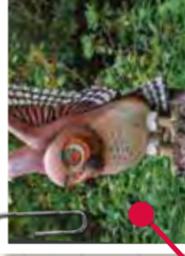
Fox poo looks a bit like dog poo, and it contains seeds, fur, bone and feathers. See if you can spot any on your travels.



Midnight feast

Owls are night birds. They are awake when you are asleep. They sit up in our big trees to keep a look out for food below. They have clever eyes that can see in the dark. Bedgebury provides them with a large menu to choose from including frogs, mice, small birds, insects and worms.

We have day birds here too. Look up and listen – there's another world up in the treetops.



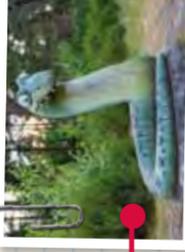
Owl

Clue: In the glade at the bottom of the grass bank near two timber benches

Taking it easy

The grass snakes have a lovely time here. They find comfy places to sunbathe – often near woodland or water. If they are disturbed by something trying to eat them they quickly hide by slithering between the trees or into the water. They are great swimmers and love to hunt for juicy toads and frogs for a lakeside snack.

Keep an eye out for sleeping grass snakes. They won't hurt you, but it can be a surprise when you spot them!



Snake

Clue: Find bench 33 and the waymarker in the heather, the snake is 75m away



Key

- Parking
- Toilets
- Easy access
- Bike hire
- Information
- Play Trail
- Picnic area
- Cafe
- Viewpoint
- Go Ape



EEK!

You have great big hands, and great big feet. Be gentle with the things you meet!