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Bats and birds make their homes in the old railway viaduct. Can you spy them?

Thousands of minibeasts live in this pond. Look closely at the still areas and among the reeds to see them. Don’t let your shadow scare them.

The path to the viaduct takes you into the tree tops! You are eye to eye with treecreepers, woodpeckers and red squirrels.

Look for birds like dippers and heron on the river. Spot fish jumping to catch flies. Feel the lichen on the native trees.

This patch of conifers is a favourite of owls who drop pellets of fur and bones from the small animals they eat.

The venomous adder might be sunbathing here. Caution – keep your distance.

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Path to the wildlife hide (see over)

Make some rubbings of the minibeast plaques on the railing

Log pile sunstation!

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Bakethin

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Bakethin
Osprey nest pole

Otters live here!

Minibeast homes.

Look through the forest window and see how many different places small creatures could live.

After you have collected items for the woodland palette, rub them onto the paper here to keep a record of the colours.

Explore along the secret woodland path to the wild clearing.

The planted roof disguises the hide and is home to more mini beasts.

Feel the animals on the carved bench. The strong, slippery salmon are caught and eaten by otters and ospreys. Can you find what the predators use to catch and eat their prey?

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Lakeside Way

to car park

Measure the height of a tree!

1. Fold the corner of this piece of paper like this:

2. Choose a tree & look at it along the long folded edge

3. Walk backwards (take care!) until the fold lines up with the top of the tree.  

4. Measure the distance you are from the tree (counting your steps will do), and add your own height. That's it!

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Bakethin Nature Reserve

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