

# Your Journey Through Clennon Nature Reserve

*The trail is more than 400 meters. Allow 20 minutes up to one hour. The entrance is located next to Lemur Woods. We regret that due to the uneven terrain, this trail is not wheelchair accessible.*

Take time to look, listen and sense what is visible, and to imagine what is here that you can't see or hear...



## At the Limestone Cliff

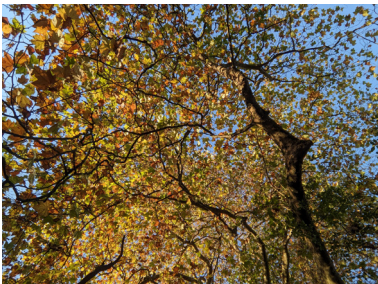
Imagine the underground cave network beneath your feet—home to bats, moths, and other rare insects. By night, these skies fill with Lesser and Greater Horseshoe bats hunting above you.

*Did you know... that bats are blind? They use 'echolocation', which is similar to a radar or sonar system, to navigate the environment around them.*

## Forest Benches

Sit and observe the ancient canopy—oaks, hazel, ash, and beech, some over 100 years old. The benches are carved from these same trees, making use of the mighty trunks felled by storms. Watch for birds of prey soaring the skies. Listen for the calls of songbirds and seabirds.

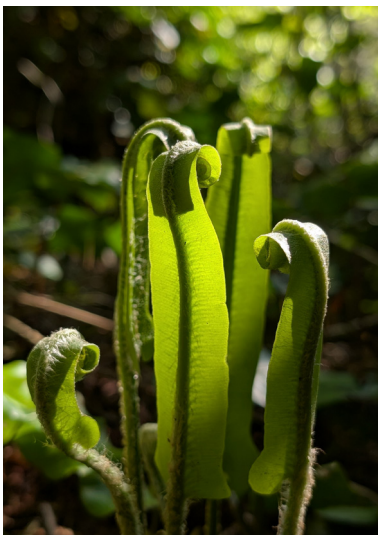
*Did you know... that Herring Gulls are on the IUCN Red List as an endangered species in the UK?*



## Fungi Network

Look closely for mushrooms on ground, dead wood, and tree bark. What you see is just the tip—underground, mycelium creates the 'wood wide web,' connecting trees and sharing nutrients across the entire woodland.

*Did you know... that all living things, including mushrooms, have their own vibration? You need a special machine called a 'biosensor' to hear it. You can listen to some of this 'mushroom music', recorded right here on the Nature Trail, over on our website: [www.noon-collective.org](http://www.noon-collective.org)*



Images: top to bottom:  
Limestone Quarry on the Nature Trail  
London Plane Tree (*Platanus × hispanica*)  
Porcelain Fungus (*Oudemansiella mucida*)  
Hart's Tongue Fern (*Asplenium scolopendrium*)



## The Gorge

This valley was carved by glacial ice millennia ago. Imagine the megafauna of the Ice Age stomping through this landscape.

All that remains today of this ice today is the tranquil stream flowing to ponds beyond the reserve. These create vital wetland habitats for unique species of amphibians, fish, and insects.

*Did you know... that some prehistoric dragonflies had wingspans of over two feet? The dragonflies you see darting over our stream are descendants of giant ancestors that flew here 300 million years ago—long before the Ice Age glaciers carved this gorge.*



Images:

Top left - Limestone Quarry on the Nature Trail

Left - Sabre Wasp (*Rhyssa persuasoria*)

## Before You Leave

Consider what you're taking with you—perhaps spores on your shoes helping fungi reproduce, or new awareness of the underground library of knowledge shared by this ancient ecosystem.

Tread lightly, leave only footprints behind.

You and everything around you are part of an interconnected whole.

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To leave your feedback about the installation and your journey round the Nature Trail, please visit <https://paigntonzoo.org.uk/domhnain>

All images of the Clennon Nature Trail courtesy of Wild Planet Trust.

Images below:

Left: Fairy Inkcaps (*Coprinellus disseminatus*)

Middle: Wolf's Milk Slime Mould (*Lycogala epidendrum*)

Right: Honey Fungus (*Armillaria*)

