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# News Release

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## Hibernation, Migration and Citizen Science for 8-12 year olds

**The summer holidays will soon be over but there are still plenty of opportunities for kids to get outdoors with the Wildlife Watch Group at Idle Valley Nature Reserve.**

Wildlife Watch offers a fun, wild and fantastic time for 8-12-year-olds, and takes place on the second Saturday of each month from 10:30am to 12:30pm at the Idle Valley Rural learning Centre and Nature Reserve near Retford.

On Saturday, 14 September, the group's 'In the Swim' event will be looking at all things fishy.

There'll be fungi fun on Saturday, 12 October and on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, the team will be looking at trees and their winter fruits.

The sessions are run by enthusiastic and trained volunteer leaders and cost £3 per child.

Ros Schwarz, Idle Valley Wildlife Watch Group Leader stated: "Last month, eight young naturalists studied the natural jewels that are dragonflies and damselflies and looked for their nymphs in one of the reserve ponds." Ros continued, "Every month we go out into the Idle Valley reserve to look for wildlife, learn about nature and enjoy some relaxed outdoor fun. Everything from hibernation, migration, making a holder for bird nest materials and getting involved in citizen science by surveying one of the hedgerows on the reserve. The results were sent to the Opal citizen science project organised by Imperial College, University of London. We really do make a difference and get very involved."

There are also other opportunities for young people of 13 years and older with the [Young Rangers](#) and [Keeping It Wild](#).

# Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust



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For more information about Wildlife Watch including other groups across the county, visit [nottinghamshirewildlife.org/wildlifewatch](http://nottinghamshirewildlife.org/wildlifewatch)

## Photo



Pond dipping with a Wildlife Watch Group.

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## Notes for Editors

1. The Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, a registered charity, manages Nature Reserves throughout the county of Nottinghamshire. It advises local authorities, community groups and landowners on nature conservation issues, and makes a major input into decision-making on planning matters and other issues.

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2. The Trust is part of a nationwide network of local Trusts which work to protect wildlife in town and country - The Wildlife Trusts. The Wildlife Trusts now boast over 800,000 members. For more information please see our website: [www.nottinghamshirewildlife.org](http://www.nottinghamshirewildlife.org)

3. Idle Valley Nature Reserve consists of a beautiful 450ha network of lakes, wetland, grassland and scrub. It is home to a diverse range of wildlife and is recognised as one of the richest birding sites in the region. [www.nottinghamshirewildlife.org/idle-valley](http://www.nottinghamshirewildlife.org/idle-valley)