The Clay Cross Animal Trail Accessible Guide

This trail is completely free.

It is a self-guided route that takes you around Kenning Park in Clay Cross. You can go in which ever order you like and at your own pace.

Before you head out, here are a few things you need to know:

- This family trail is suitable for all ages, but children should be accompanied at all times.

- Most of the route is flat, with some gradual inclines in a couple of areas (towards the Smithy Brook bridge and Kenning Park Forest School).

- Most paths are pushchair/wheelchair friendly although a few clues go off paths, onto grassed areas.

- It can get a bit muddy in places so make sure to wear wellies or shoes you don't mind getting dirty.

- Please be aware that some of the route passes close to open water. Clues have been placed away from the water's edge or where there is a safe viewing area.

- Make sure to look out for things like loose branches when you go off exploring.

Find the secret word

- Along the way, look out for letters hiding with some of the animals (there are six of them in total). Write each one down in the spaces provided. At the end, see if you can discover the secret word.

- You can ask your grown up to submit your answer on the website to be in with a chance of winning a Kid's Nature Explorer Kit.

- Submissions to the prize draw close at 23:59 hrs on 1st September 2026. See website for full terms and conditions.

- The website address is: **www.firstart.org.uk/cxanimaltrail**

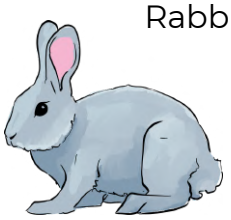
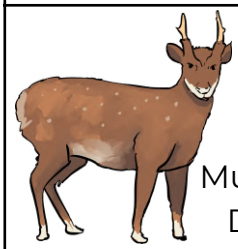
Please note:

This is a self-led trail, and First Art takes no responsibility for the safety of persons when walking the route. Every care has been taken to ensure the clues are in a safe viewing area. Care should be taken at all times especially when near open water, and on uneven ground and slippery surfaces.

The Trail

The locations for each animal on the trail are given in What3Words. To see where these are on a map you will need to go to **https://what3words.com** or use the free What3Words app, available for Android and iOS.

As well as the 16 animals, there are six letters hiding with some of the animals. Use the space here to write them down and see if you can find the secret word when you have collected them all.

Animal	Location	Hidden Letter
Rabbit 	///mincing.mash.blogs	
 Muntjac Deer	///refrain.cookie.deciding	
Kite	///camp.zinc.pyramid	
Squirrel	///trickling.change.amused	

Bee	///archduke.defeated.undertone	
Owl	///snowy.fancied.reflector	
Hare	///inflation.tangible.silently	
Goldfinch	///rekindle.branched.hugs	
Fox	///cadet.pulsing.teams	
Vole	///choice.should.lighters	
Hedgehog	///cross.inflation.looms	
Badger	///resemble.defenders.admit	

Robin	///slept.anyway.available	
Beaver	///gross.minder.slept	
Ladybird	///tracking.brownish.directive	
Frog	///wiggling.skis.sulked	

Did you find all six letters of the secret word? What does it spell?

Write your answer here

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When you have the hidden word, your grown up can submit your answer to the website to be in with a chance of winning a Kid's Nature Explorer Kit.

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FREE Drop-In Animal Tracker Activity

As part of the trail there is a free drop-in animal tracker activity at Kenning Park Forest School every Wednesday 10am – 3pm, 29 July – 31 August.

Outside of these times, you're welcome to have a sit or play in the Forest School area.

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