



Eardley Road Sidings Nature Reserve



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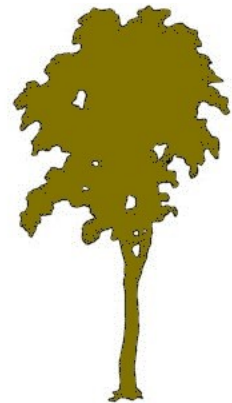
About the Project

The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) is working with Lambeth Council (LC) to undertake a community project at Eardley Road Sidings Nature Reserve (ERSNR) in Streatham.

The project includes capital improvements on the actual site and a programme of community events and activities with the aim of engaging the local community in the natural and railway heritage of the site.

As part of the project TCV offers training and volunteering opportunities, outdoor learning and family events.

Our educational activities include formal and informal training events regarding site improvements, maintenance and biodiversity, volunteering as well as activities related to nature conservation such as creating habitats, building bird boxes, fauna and flora surveying, rail heritage walks and talks and also the development of new interpretation materials and/or signage for the site.



Our vision is to create a self-sustaining community group that would like to improve this site and care for it in the future.

If you are a group of Lambeth residents who are keen to work and improve this nature conservation area we can support you to get going.

Our Offer

- **Volunteering & Nature Conservation skills training**
- **Nature & Wellbeing Walks**
- **Free outreach and learning outside the classroom sessions for local schools**
- **Free Nature play and outdoor learning sessions for under 5's**
- **Outdoor family events e.g. making bird boxes, nature crafts and minibeast adventures**

If you are interested in making a difference and improve Eardley Road Sidings Nature Reserve please get in touch with me.

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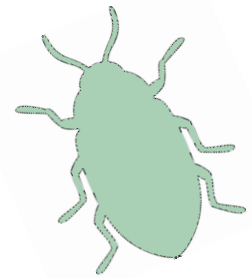


Eardley Road Sidings Education Programme

As part of this project we will be delivering FREE education outreach sessions to nurseries, schools and youth groups based around Eardley Road Sidings Nature Reserve. We can offer a variety of structured educational outdoor activity days for 5-11 year olds, set around environmental and science topics that are closely linked to the National Curriculum. Our half day sessions last around 2 hours and all activities will be held at Eardley Road Sidings Nature Reserve.

Activities available for Early Years and Key Stage 1 & 2

Mini-beasts: pupils will explore different habitats, looking for mini-beasts and other animals. This will involve discussing where animals live and why. It will introduce the concepts of adaptation, predator/prey relationships and competition.



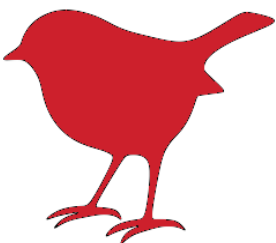
Senses: An adventure using sound, sight, smell and touch. Using mirror walks, sticky pallets, camouflage games, bark rubbings and more.

Plants: Take a closer look at some of the plants that can be seen growing on and around the site. We look at what makes a plant, how it they grow and change and the variety of plants and how we use them.

Maps: Get to grips with maps and learn to find your way around using a map. We look at compass directions, landmarks and have a treasure hunt.

Environmental Art: Exploring colours, lines, shapes and form in the natural world. There will be a chance to create sculpture or collage using a range of natural materials collected.

Eardley Road Nature Events



Our family friendly nature safaris based at Eardley Road Sidings Nature Reserve offer a chance to get outside and play, walk, chat, meet new people or make something. We can't promise lions and zebras but you might discover something you've never seen before, think something new or have a mini adventure of some sort.

Eardley Road Nature Events run May - October 2016, one Sunday afternoon a month.

Each Nature Event is FREE and suitable for people of all ages. You can drop in for part of the day or join us for the whole event! Please see back of this leaflet for upcoming events.

If you have any concerns around access please get in touch.



Eardley Road Sidings Nature Reserve

Upcoming Nature Events

12:00- 15:00: Meet at Bates Crescent entrance next to the junction to Braeside Road SW16 5AG

Saturday 14th May 2016 | Spring Clean & Planting

Help to make the nature reserve nicer for people and wildlife. We will rake up dead plant material and rubbish and plant some woodland plants. You can also take part in our litter quiz and litter bingo. All Materials provided.

Sunday 22nd May 2016 | Natural Neighbours

Help to make a bird or bat box for the nature reserve. Go on a Nature Scavenger hunt and help our local ecologist to compile a list of all the animals and plants that live at Eardley Road. All Materials provided. This event is part of the National Day of Biodiversity.

Sunday 26th June 2016 | Wild Food

We will go on a foraging walk in the nature reserve and then and cook up some tasty wild treats over an open fire. Find out more about the history of those edible plants and challenge yourself with our wild food quiz. All Materials provided.

Sunday 24th July 2016 | Butterflies

Make a butterfly feeder or a butterfly decoration. Go on a butterfly Scavenger hunt and help our local ecologist to compile a list of all the butterflies that live at Eardley Road. All Materials provided. This event is part of the BIG Butterfly count

Sunday 28th August 2016 | Shelter

Build a 4 star bug hotel for all the creepy-crawlies hanging out in your garden or on your balcony. And learn how to build a survival shelter from branches, leaves and other natural materials on Eardley Road Nature Reserve. The team who builds the best shelter wins a prize! Materials provided.

Sunday 18th September 2016 | Autumn Fruits

We will go on a foraging walk in the nature reserve and then and cook up some tasty wild treats over an open fire. Find out more about the history of those edible plants and challenge yourself with our wild food quiz. All Materials provided.

Sunday 30th October 2016 | Woodland Ghosts & Fairies

Make a spooky woodland ghost or fairy mask with natural materials. Listen to some magical stories about our local trees around a roaring fire. We shall also toast some marshmallows.

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