

Pond Renovation Project

Wildwood Trust

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Wildwood Trust is a conservation charity and wildlife park set within 40 acres of ancient woodland near Canterbury, Kent. We are supporting British wildlife through protecting endangered native species and reconnecting people of all backgrounds with the natural world around them. Our animal collection demonstrates the changes seen to British biodiversity since the last ice age, and helps to encourage visitors to take an interest in native wildlife.

With Naturesave Trust's support, our Pond Renovation Project will develop the area around two natural ponds within the park to allow visitors to explore a natural freshwater habitat and learn about the species it supports.

Wildwood visitors will have opportunity to observe a natural freshwater habitat, interact with native species and develop an affinity for nature. This is especially important for children; experiencing nature at an early age has a great impact on willingness to take part in outdoor activities and lead a healthy, active and social lifestyle.

Making our two natural ponds more accessible will create interactive learning experiences, encouraging children to engage with science in new and exciting ways. We aim to inspire our visitors to take an interest in pond life, encourage them to learn about our native species and demonstrate the importance of conserving freshwater habitats.



Pond dipping sessions will help to reignite children's curiosity in the world around them and increase interest in science topics as a result. For many, we know this will be the very first time they will have ever handled - or even seen - these species. By taking part in practical activities at Wildwood, children develop new skills while leaving with enthusiasm and a greater interest in wildlife, which can help improve their attainment.

The support of the Naturesave Trust to complete this project we will give the 120,000 visitors and 10,000 school children that visit our park annually the opportunity to learn more about pond life and freshwater ecology in a fun and exciting way.