



Kent
Wildlife Trust

The Bison and the Butterfly

Activity Pack



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Introduction



The Bison and the Butterfly storybook is set in West Blean and Thornden Woods, an area of ancient woodland just outside of Canterbury in Kent. In 2022, Kent Wildlife Trust introduced a herd of bison into the woodland with project partners Wildwood Trust, as a form of natural habitat management.

This enchanting story has demonstrated how bison help and support a range of wildlife in the woodland. Natural bison behaviours, such as grazing, dust bathing, eating bark and felling trees, enable other species to thrive. Bison are seen as ecosystem engineers who can help to restore the natural biodiversity of a landscape.

The presence of bison – a keystone species - at the Blean, alongside Exmoor ponies, longhorn cattle and Iron Age pigs, will transform the woods into a lush, thriving, biodiverse environment, helping in the fight against the climate and nature crises.

The Bison and the Butterfly was written not only to entertain, with its enchanting story and delightful characters, but also to educate children on the important role that bison (and other keystone species) can have on our ecosystems.

This activity pack has been created to help children engage further with the book and hopefully learn a little more about this groundbreaking project.

To learn more about the Wilder Blean bison project, and to find further information and resources, visit: kwttg.uk/WilderBleanProject



Wordsearch



Can you find the hidden words from The Bison and the Butterfly in the wordsearch below?

B	F	A	Y	W	D	J	D	F	W
L	F	L	I	O	F	E	U	Y	O
E	B	I	S	O	N	B	N	K	O
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S	A	D	E	K	Q	J	E	A	N
X	S	I	K	C	J	A	T	I	D
B	U	T	T	E	R	F	L	Y	P
C	Y	Z	V	R	L	C	E	Q	W

BISON

BUTTERFLY

WOODPECKER

DUNG BEETLE

LIZARD

WOODLAND

BLEAN

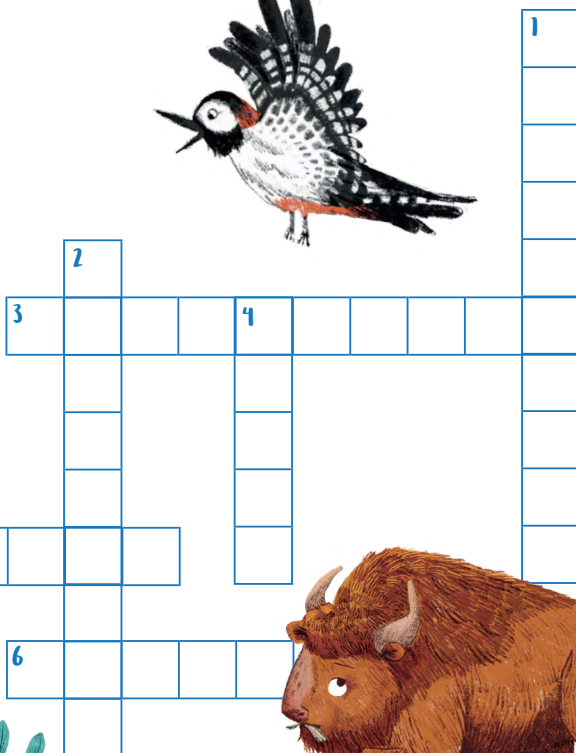
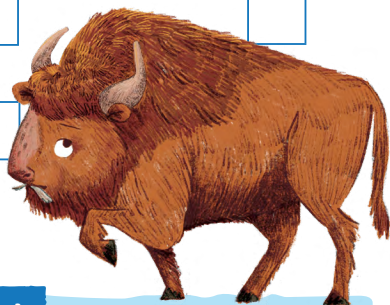


Crossword

puzzle



Use the clues to find the words hidden inside this crossword puzzle.



Across

- 3 She loves to burrow in Bison's dung.
- 5 This character loves to sunbathe in Bison's sandy dust baths.
- 6 The name of the ancient woodland outside of Canterbury, Kent, where Bison lives.

Down

- 1 This character lives in the trees and likes to eat grubs for breakfast.
- 2 This character loves to fly through the woods with the sun on their wings.
- 4 The main character in our book. She has shaggy fur and curled horns.

Maze



Can you help Bison find her way through the maze to her herd?



Can you help me find my herd?



Hide and seek



Can you find the 5 characters hiding in these pictures?



Spot the difference



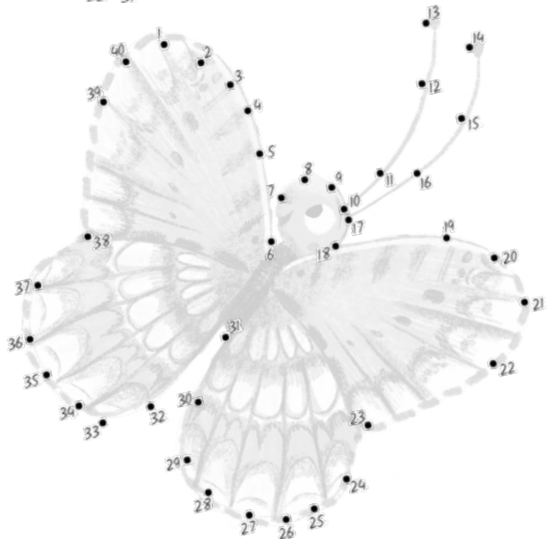
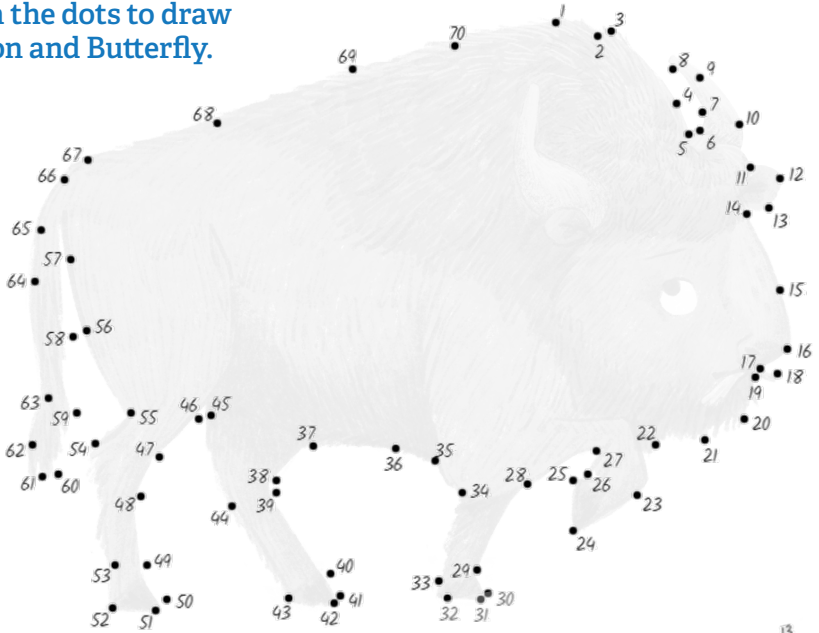
Can you find the 10 differences in these pictures?



Dot-to-dot



Join the dots to draw
Bison and Butterfly.



Colouring in



Hide and seek



Spot the difference



Outdoor fun!



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Wilder Birthday Parties

Unleash your wild side with one of our Wilder Birthday Parties! With themes including Minibeast Madness, Teddy Bear's Picnic, Wildlife Adventurer and Forest School activities, there is sure to be something for everyone!

Book now

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Wilder Kent Safaris

Visit beautiful nature reserves and uncover their stories with the people who know them best.

Among others, discover the impact of our regal bison herd at West Blean and Thornden Woods and the industrious endeavours of beavers at Ham Fen.

Book now

kwtg.uk/wilder-kent-safaris

Join the herd

Our family membership includes the latest news from Bison and her friends as well as our quarterly Wilder Kent and family magazines packed full of nature knowledge, fun stories, posters, stickers and more!

Book now

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From just
£5 per
month

Holiday Club

Wilder Holiday Club has days packed full of activities designed to inspire and develop your child's love of nature and the great outdoors: from pond dipping to minibeast hunts, from woodland crafts to campfires and den building. With no two days ever the same, there is sure to be something for everyone! Explore our nature reserves, learn new skills, make new friends and create memories that last a lifetime.

Book now

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Perfect
for ages
5-11

Nature Tots

Nature Tots is a parent and toddler group which allows children (and their parents) to explore, discover and learn from nature in the wonderful surroundings of our nature reserves.

Nature Tots is open for all pre-school aged children. 6-week programmes run alongside school term times.

Book now

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