

You are the Warden Quiz

KS1 & KS2

Aim: To encourage children to understand the countryside code and to review the level of observation made on your visit. Ask the children why they have chosen their answers.

Preparation: Inform the children that you will be asking questions at the end of the visit. Explain to them what a Warden does.

Equipment: None required.

Restrictions: None.

Teacher Notes: You can organise children into small groups or teams to create a fun competition. You should read out the countryside code to the children.

Further/Alternative study:

- Ask the children why Local Nature Reserves and the Countryside Code are important.

Countryside Code

- **Guard against all risk of fire.** Don't dispose of matches, cigarettes, and glass in the countryside. A small glass bottle could destroy a whole woodland just by the power of the sun!
- **Fasten all gates.** Always close a gate behind you. Livestock can wonder off and could cause an accident.
- **Keep dogs under proper control.** Almost 4000 sheep are killed each year by dogs. A Farmer is legally entitled to shoot a dog which is worrying his animals.
- **Keep to the paths.** Walkers must keep to public footpaths or to permissive paths. If you start a new path everybody will follow! Wild flowers can be damaged and animals may be disturbed.
- **Avoid damaging fences, hedges and walls.** Fences are expensive to repair. Livestock can escape and habitats can be destroyed.
- **Leave no litter.** Take rubbish home, it is unsightly and is dangerous to wild animals and livestock.
- **Safeguard water supplies.** Do not pollute them with waste food, rubbish or urinate near water-courses. Remember it's your drinking water!
- **Protect Wildlife, wild plants and trees.** Do not pick flowers, pull bark off trees or remove any wildlife. You could be arrested and fined a lot of money!

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(Correct answers are marked with a *)

1. You find someone picking flowers on the reserve. Do you:

- a) Politely ask them to stop*
- b) Show them some rarer flowers
- c) Beat them up

2. You find someone straying off the marked path. Do you:

- a) Ignore it, one person won't do any harm
- b) Tell them to get back on the path or get off the reserve
- c) Explain why people should keep to marked paths*

3. You see some fox cubs ahead. Do you:

- a) Shout to your friends to come and have a look
- b) Approach quietly and try not to disturb them*
- c) Throw sticks in their direction to show your friends

4. Someone asks to take photos of nesting birds. Do you:

- a) Ask them to photograph birds away from the nest*
- b) Help them cut back the bushes to get a better view
- c) Confiscate their camera

5. Someone asks to pick blackberries. Do you:

- a) Ask them to pick some for you too
- b) Say they can have one or two but leave the rest for the wildlife*
- c) Make sure you charge a good price

6. Which one of these trees has thorns?

- a) Sycamore
- b) Oak
- c) Hawthorn*

7. Someone offers to burn all the dead wood on the reserve. Do you:

- a) Offer to sell the dead wood to make money on the reserve
- b) Leave the dead wood where it is good for insects (Bugs)*
- c) Tell them to give it to the local scouts for bonfire night

8. Volunteers offer to clear scrub on the reserve. Do you:

- a) Ask them to come in late summer when some scrub can be cleared*
- b) Ask them to come in the spring before the weather gets too hot
- c) Say yes and suggest they burn all the scrub

9. Visitors ask for frogspawn for their garden. Do you:

- a) Tell them to take some but to leave some for other people to collect
- b) Suggest they take some spawn from another garden pond with permission from the owners*
- c) Sell the frog spawn to make some money for the reserve

10. You come across some people camping and having a fire.

Do you:

- a) Tell them where they can find some wood for the fire
- b) Charge them for camping and ask them to cook you some sausages
- c) Ask them to put out the fire, warn them and ask them to leave*

How well did you do?

1 to 4 answers correct= you need to learn more to become a warden

5 to 7 answers correct= you may need some more training but you know how to deal with most things.

8 to 10 answers correct= Congratulations you are best wardens, thank-you for keeping our reserves safe.