

Rewildin Trail

Whit is rewildin?

Over the years, human activity has meant there's no as many spaces for wildlife. Rewildin is the idea o lettin nature tak back some o thae spaces.

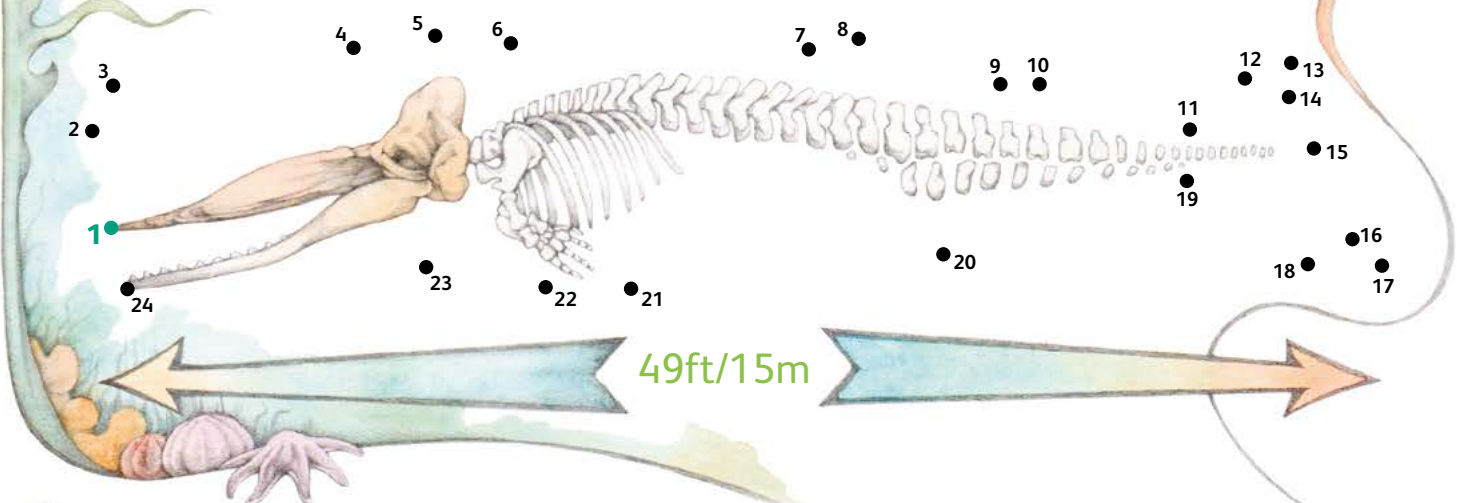
Tak a wild daunder through oor galleries and find some Scottish animals that are bein helped by rewildin.

Colour me in!

Stairt on Level 1 – Grand Gallery

Hae a deek for the sperm whale skull

I'm comin back tae Scottish watters noo huntin isnae alloued. Marine Protection Areas are helpin tae rewild Scotland's seas as weel by protectin animals and the places they bide frae harm.




? How faur across the Grand Gallery would the end o the whale's tail be?
Stairt at the tip o the jaw and tak yin muckle step per metre tae measure it.



Swim along tae Level 1 – Animal World gallery

Spot the Atlantic Salmon

Maistly I bide in the sea, but I need tae gang tae clean, calm rivers tae lay ma eggs.


 How many eggs can ye coont?

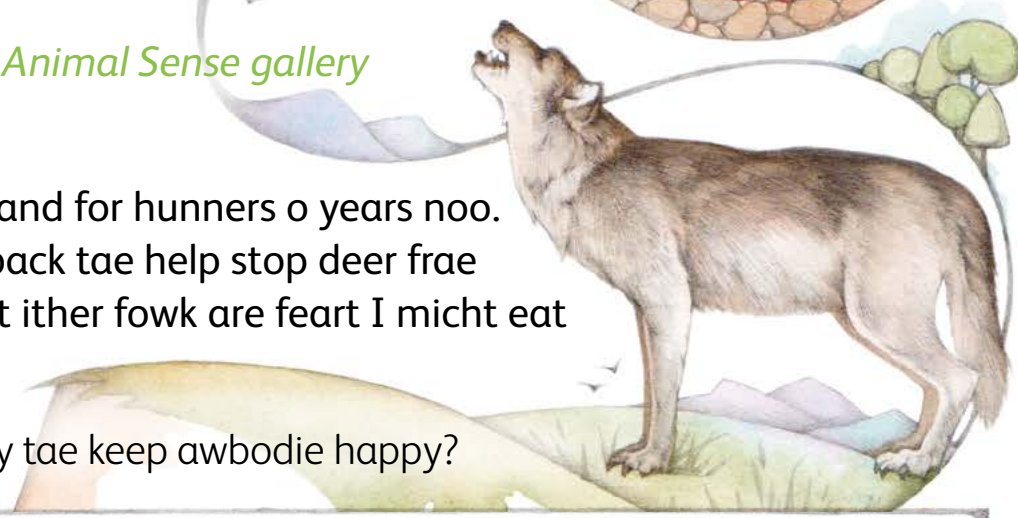


Prowl up tae Level 3 – Animal Sense gallery

Track the wolf

I hivnae been in Scotland for hunners o years noo. Some fowk want me back tae help stop deer frae eatin aw the trees, but ither fowk are feart I micht eat some sheep as weel.

 Can ye think o wey tae keep awbodie happy?



Pad up tae Level 5 – Survival gallery

Can ye spy the wildcat?

Ye can still find me in Scotland, but wi no as many widds aboot and hybridisation happenin (when wildcats breed wi pet cats), I'm mair and mair at risk. Scientists, like the yins at the museum, are helpin tae keep me safe.

Name 2 weys that wildcats are like pet cats, and 1 wey that they're different.



Similarity 1:

Similarity 2:

Difference:

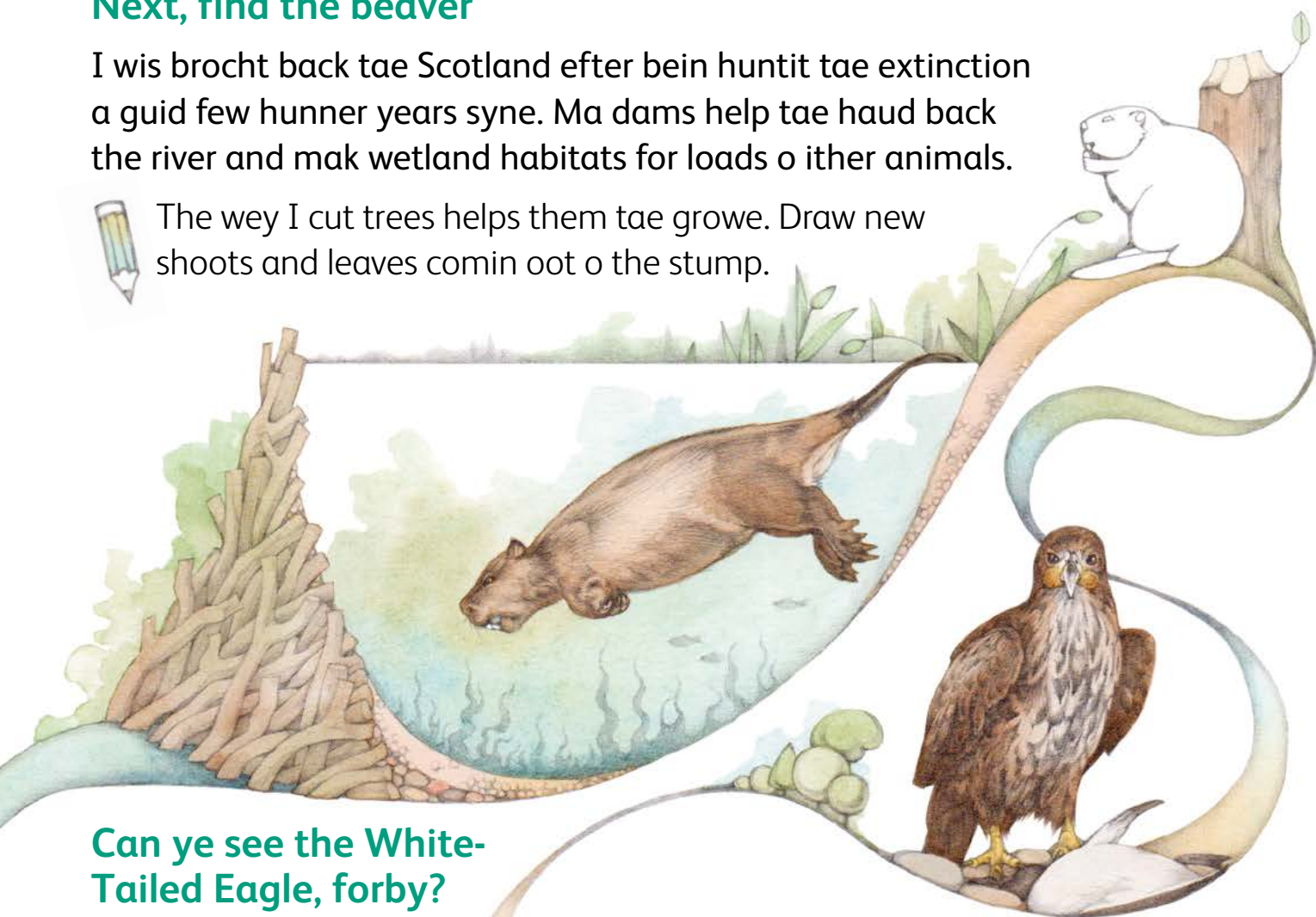


Next, find the beaver

I wis brocht back tae Scotland efter bein huntit tae extinction a guid few hunner years syne. Ma dams help tae haud back the river and mak wetland habitats for loads o ither animals.



The way I cut trees helps them tae growe. Draw new shoots and leaves comin oot o the stump.



Can ye see the White-Tailed Eagle, forby?

I became extinct in the UK in 1918, but stairtit tae be successfully brocht back frae 1975. Noo there's ower 100 breedin pairs in Scotland.



Ma wingspan can be atween 200–240cm!

Find somethin in the museum that matches yer ain "wingspan".

Put these wirds in the richt place

Salmon

Beaver

White-tailed Eagle

The _____ builds dams that calm doon the rivers. The _____ like tae lay their eggs in thon calm rivers, and sae the _____ also has plenty o braw fish tae eat!



Ye dinnae need widds or oceans tae dae some rewildin – even a windae-box o native wildflouers will help oor insect pollinators and birds. Tak this trail hame wi ye tae hae a shot at the activity doon below and try makkin yer ain rewildin area!



Jyne the animal up wi the thing that helps it.



Gaun yersel, ye've finished oor trail!

Noo hae a shot at some o oor online activities, like gawin on a beastie safari at www.nms.ac.uk/explore-our-collections/resources/bug-safari



Or get a swatch at some o Scotland's animals at the museum usin Google Streetview.

◀ Scan me!



Answers: Page 1. The end o the whale's tail would be near the Statue o Arensnuphisi! Page 2. Eight eggs. Page 3. The Beaver builds dams that calm doon the rivers. The Salmon like tae lay their eggs in thon calm rivers, and sae the *White-Tailed Eagle* has plenty o brow fish tae eat! Page 4. Hurcheon – hole in the fence, bee – flouers, puddock – dub.