

AUTUMN

TWEED & COAST
Nature
Trail

TRY THIS
EXPLORER'S
QUIZ



Board 1
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are birds. What are they?

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Why is it very important
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Write down
how many types of plants you see
with yellow flowers on the trail.

Board 2
Can you see some blackberry
bushes? What colour are the fruits?



Write down the numbers
of the boards where you see swans.

Board 3
What can you see growing on the
stone wall behind you?

Board 4
Carefully lift a stone or
piece of bark. What can you see?
Put it back very carefully after looking
so you do not squash anything.

Board 5
'Is the sky blue or grey today?
Why is that?

Board 6
As you walk past the dock what
do you see growing on the wall?

Board 6
Can you spot this further up the road? Where and what is it?



Board 7
Why do gulls run on the spot on grass? Choose one answer
1 - they are dancing,
2 - they make the worms think it is raining,
3 - they are training for the gull marathon.

Board 8
Can you see birds on the tall chimney?
What are they?

Board 9
If there is a seal or seal pup on the beach, why should you not touch it? Choose one answer
1 it may be resting,
2 a pup is waiting for its mum
3 it could give you a nasty bite
4 all of these

Board 10
Have a look on the beach.
Can you see any bones?
What do you think they are?

Board 11
Can you find a mussel shell on the beach?



Board 12
How many miles or kms do you think it is from the prom to the horizon (where the sea meets the sky)?

Board 13
Look for holdfast on the beach.
Why is it made like this?

Board 14
What is the spiky green bush you can see by the path?

What did you most enjoy seeing on the trail and why?

AUTUMN QUESTIONS and ANSWERS



Robin



Tansy



Gorse



Dandelion



Yellow rattle

- Question** Board 1 Two of the sculptures in Coronation Park are birds. What are they?
Answer Robin and Tawny Owl.
- Question** Board 1 What animal is this a sculpture of?
Answer Y-moth.
- Question** Why is it very important to put your litter in a bin?
Answer Litter can cause serious harm to animals and plants and looks horrible.
- Question** Write down how many types of plants you see with yellow flowers on the trail.
Answer There are many plants that have yellow flowers, you probably saw 6. Well done if you spotted more!
- Question** Board 2 Can you see some blackberry bushes? What colour are the fruits?
Answer In autumn blackberries can be green, red or black if they are ripe.
- Question** Write down the numbers of the boards where you see swans.
Answer You are most likely to see swans at boards 5, 6, 7 and 8 but they may be seen anywhere on the river or even the sea on a clam day.
- Question** Board 3 What is growing on the stone wall behind you?
Answer Lots of plants grow on this wall. Lichens, sedums, ferns, ivyleaved toadflax and some grasses.
- Question** Board 4 Carefully lift a stone or piece of bark. What can you see?
Answer You will usually find woodlice underneath stones or bark. They like to live in damp conditions. You may also find earwigs or a spider
- Question** Board 5 'Is the sky blue or grey today? Why is that?'
Answer The sky is blue because blue light is scattered in all directions by tiny molecules of air in Earth's atmosphere. If it is grey it is because it is covered by clouds.
- Question** Board 6 As you walk past the dock what do you see growing on the wall?
Answer Ivy leaved toadflax grows on this wall. You may also see ferns.
- Question** Board 6 Can you spot this further up the road? Where and what is it?
Answer It is a weathervane in the shape of a salmon on Tweedmouth church.
- Question** Board 7 Why do gulls run on the spot on grass?
Answer The noise makes worms think it is raining. They come up to the surface to avoid drowning.
- Question** Board 8 Can you see birds on the tall chimney? What are they?
Answer You can usually see starlings or pigeons on the tall chimney at Spittal Point.
- Question** Board 9 If there is a seal or seal pup on the beach, why should you not touch it?
Answer All the answers are correct - it may be resting, a pup is waiting for its mum, it could give you a nasty bite. If you are concerned about a seal call BDMLR 01825 765546.
- Question** Board 10 Have a look on the beach. Can you see any bones? What do you think they are?
Answer Lots of bones from fish, mammals such as sheep or deer, land or sea birds are found on the beach.
- Question** Board 11 Can you find a mussel shell on the beach?
Answer Mussels and other shells are often found on the beach.
- Question** Board 12 How many miles or kms do you think it is from the prom to the horizon (where the sea meets the sky)?
Answer It is about 3 miles or 4.7km to the horizon. If you are standing on the cliffs, you can see quite a lot further.
- Question** Board 13 Look for holdfast on the beach. Why is it made like this?
Answer Although it looks as though it has roots, these are just to anchor it to a rock under the sea and not to absorb food like plant roots.
- Question** Board 14 What is the spiky green bush by the path?
Answer This is gorse which often has lovely yellow flowers .
- Question** What did you most enjoy seeing on the trail and why?
Answer Everyone will enjoy seeing and finding different things. You may have been lucky enough to see something unusual or you may just like seeing hundreds of swans in the dock.

WELL DONE answering the questions. **Print yourself the downloadable Explorer's Certificate.**