

Windows on Wildlife

Roe Deer



Roe Deer Like Woodlands

However, you can often see them in more open areas such as heather moors and farmland. Parkhill Wood has a small population of deer which can often be seen from the woodland paths.

Did you Know?

Only two species of deer are native to the UK and roe deer are one of them. They are also the most widespread and are now often seen in towns and cities.



Who's Who?



Bucks Male roe deer are known as bucks. It is only the male that grows antlers. He grows new ones every year for the mating season known as the rut which happens in late July/August.

Doe Female roe deer are known as does. They are smaller than the males. In summer roe deer coats are a foxy red which changes to a fawny grey in the winter. They have white patches on their throat and a black moustache on their muzzle.



Discovering Deer



Prints and Poo

Deer tracks are often found in soft mud and show the two hoof segments. Droppings can either be found in clusters or loose form and are usually deposited in the same places.



Danger About?

Roe deer have prominent white rumps which they flash when excited or alarmed. Often it is only this that you see. When alarmed they may give several short barks.

Young Ones

Roe deer usually give birth to twins in the spring. These have spotted coats to help provide camouflage. They are often left in brambles and bracken. Please do not touch them as their mother will be close by.

