

Heritage Hunter



Help Otto discover some hidden heritage of the Avalon Marshes; answer the questions below by exploring the Avalon Marshes.

(There are clues to help you to locate the answers)



Digging peat by hand was hard work and even the children had to help. The peat was cut into chunks called 'turves' and stacked into tall mounds called 'ruckles'. You can see a picture of some ruckles on the panel at the Sharpham end of Ham Wall.

How many children are in the picture? _____

This bowl was made over 2000 years ago.
Where was it found?

CLUE: You can see it at the Museum in the Tribunal in Glastonbury



Avalon Marshes activity:
Follow the footsteps of prehistoric man and take a walk along a replica trackway at Shapwick Heath National Nature Reserve.



What is another name for Meare Pool?

CLUE: Read the board by Meare Fish House in Meare

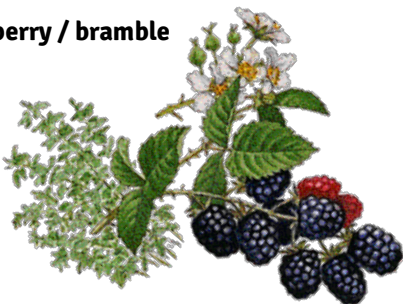
What happened on Meare Heath on a foggy morning in 1949?

CLUE: Visit Meare Heath and read about the Desperate Dash

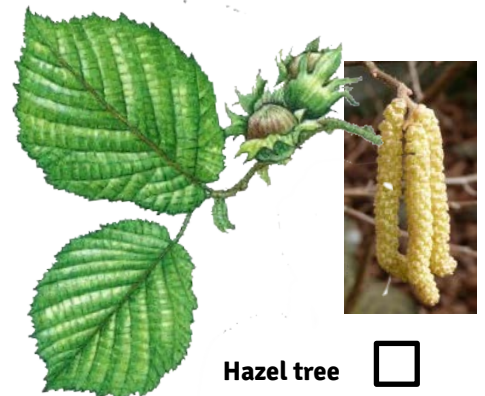
Fun Fact: The Celts believed that hazelnuts were a source of wisdom.

Pre-historic man hunted and gathered food from all over the area. 'Hunt' out the food sources below, and 'gather' the crosses in the boxes when you find them.

Blackberry / bramble



Stinging nettle



Hazel tree



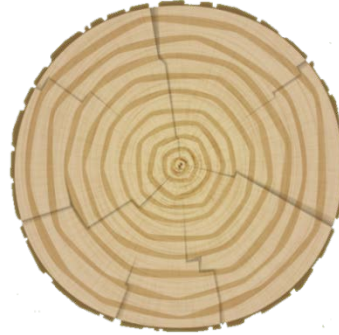
Willow has grown in the marshes for centuries and was used by early man to make baskets.

Cross the box if you see any weeping willow trees.



Avalon Marshes activity:
Visit Meare Fish House and find out about the Abbot of Glastonbury and Dean of Wells' dispute about the moors.

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



Dendrochronology is the method used by archaeologists to date trees and timbers. By counting the number of rings in a tree log or stump you can tell how old it is.

1 Ring = 1 year

How old is the tree section shown here?
_____ Years.

Try to find some tree stumps you can date.

Look up and down to find all the words about history of the Avalon Marshes in the word search above.	Abbey	Island
	Bronze age	Peat
	Canoe	Pillbox
	Church	Roundhouse
	Coin	Sweet track
	Iron age	Tor

Fun Fact: Celtic men liked to grow moustaches and shoulder length hair; Celtic women painted their nails.

Where in the Avalon Marshes was an Iron Age canoe found?

CLUE: Find out about Prehistoric Paddlers at the entrance to Shapwick Heath NNR

Avalon Marshes activity:
Visit the Tribunal in Glastonbury to see real Iron Age objects at the Glastonbury Lake Village museum.



Why did the Romans use peat fires to evaporate water?



CLUE: You can learn about the Roman Industry outside Burtle Village Hall

Can you name this WWII inland defence?



Discover more activities and facts about the Avalon Marshes at our Kids Page on our website:
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CLUE: Read about WWII inland defences outside The Sheppey Inn at Godney

They were built along the river Brue to stop enemy invasion through the Bristol Channel.