



“I can’t wait to find out what we’ll be doing today!” Rachel Walker exclaimed eagerly as she followed her best friend, Kirsty Tate, through Wild Woods Nature Reserve. “I hope we see lots of different animals.”

It was summer vacation, and the girls’ parents had arranged for them to spend a week as junior rangers at Kirsty’s local





nature reserve. The reserve was a haven for all kinds of animals like hares, otters, and red squirrels.

“We’ll have lots of cool pictures to remind us of our time here at Wild Woods,” Kirsty remarked as the girls wound their way through the trees, carrying their backpacks. She stopped to take a picture of a red-and-blue butterfly drinking nectar from a cluster of wildflowers. She showed the photo to Rachel.



“It’s beautiful,” Rachel said with admiration as Kirsty slipped the camera into her backpack. “Look, Kirsty, there’s





Becky with the other junior rangers.” She pointed to the clearing ahead of them where a group of girls and boys were gathered around the head of the nature reserve. “I bet she has some interesting jobs for us!”

Becky was chatting with a couple of the junior rangers. She spotted the girls and waved to them.

