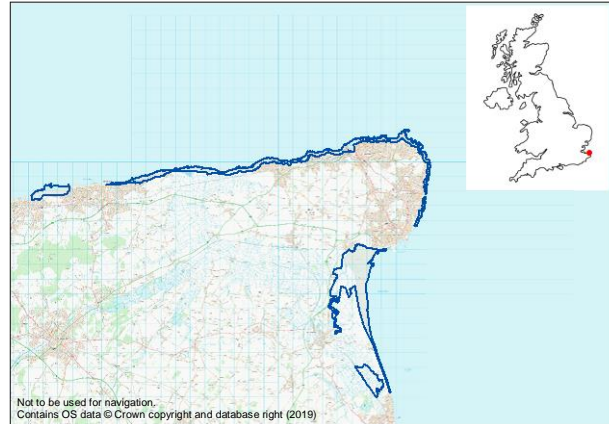


Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay SPA

Description:

Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay Special Protection Area (SPA) is a 18.8 km² site located at the north-eastern tip of Kent in southern England. It is a coastal site consisting of a long stretch of rocky shore, adjoining areas of estuary, sand dune, maritime grassland, saltmarsh and grazing marsh. The site holds important numbers of turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*) and is also used by large numbers of migratory birds as they make landfall in Britain in spring or depart for continental Europe in autumn.



Qualifying Features:

This site supports populations turnstone.

Management:

The Thanet Coast (North East Kent Marine Protected Area) has a number of [Coastal Codes](#) to help manage non-licensable activities. These include:

- Bait Digging & Collecting Code
- Seashore Code
- Dog Walking Code
- Field Trip Code
- Horse Riding Code
- Marine Wildlife Watching Code
- Powercraft Activities Code
- Shellfish Harvesting and Fixed Netting Code
- Shore Angling Code
- Wind powered activities
- Seaweed Harvesting Code

Stakeholder Concerns:

Kite surfing, uncontrolled powered flying touring the coast, and illegal vehicle access along this SPA have been highlighted as causing a disturbance to turnstone. The main cause of disturbance to the population of turnstone relates to recreational activities along the shoreline and in particular, dogs off leads.

MPA: Thanet Coast & Sandwich Bay SPA				No. Stakeholders: 1 online			
Activity	Frequency	Duration	Participation	Intensity	Confidence	MPA Extent	Trend
Board sports	4	2	2	16	H	1	↑
Geophysical surveys	?	?	?	?	L	?	?
Motor boating	4	3	2	24	H	1	→
Jetskis	3	2	2	12	H	1	→
Paddle sports	3	2	1	6	H	1	→
Parascending	3	2	1	6	H	1	↑
Sailing (non-motorised)	3	2	2	12	H	1	→
SCUBA diving	1	1	1	1	H	1	→
Swimming / Snorkelling	2	1	4	8	H	1	→
Towed water sports	1	1	1	1	H	1	→
Wildlife watching from the sea	3	1	1	3	H	1	→
Bait collection	4	2	1	8	H	1	↓
Beach recreation	2	2	6	24	H	2	↑
Coasteering	0	0	0	0	H	0	→
Land boarding	1	1	1	1	H	1	↓
Motorsports (quad bikes, motorbikes)	1	1	1	1	H	1	→
Vehicle access (cars on foreshore)	1	1	1	1	H	1	↓
Wildlife watching from the land	4	1	3	12	H	2	↑
Drone use	3	1	1	3	H	2	↑
Gliding (unpowered)	1	1	1	1	H	1	→
Aircraft (powered)	3	1	1	3	H	2	↑

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FREQUENCY	DURATION	PARTICIPATION	INTENSITY	CONFIDENCE	EXTENT	TREND
4 Regular/daily	4 >8 hours	6 >100	45-96 High	H High	2 Whole MPA (solid)	↑ Increase
3 Regular/weekends	3 4-8 hours	5 51-100	24-40 Med-high	M Medium	1 Part of MPA (shaded)	→ Stay the same
2 Seasonally	2 2-4 hours	4 21-50	9-20 Low-med	L Low	0 Does not occur	↓ Decrease
1 Sporadically	1 <2 hours	3 11-20	1-8 Low	? Data missing	? Data missing	? Data missing
0 Does not occur	0 Does not occur	2 6-10	0 Does not occur			
? Data missing	? Data missing	1 1-5	? Data missing			
		0 Does not occur				
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