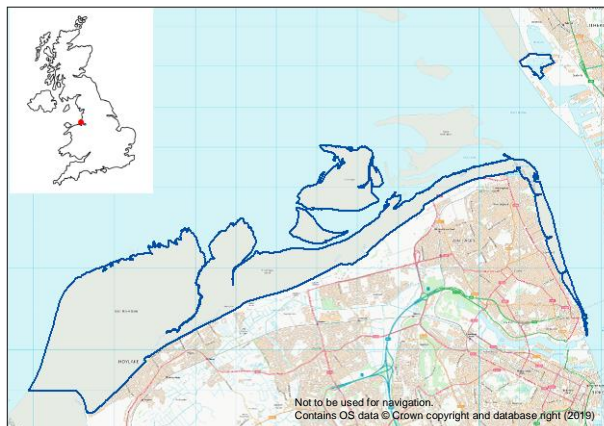


Mersey Narrows & North Wirral Foreshore SPA

Description:

The site comprises intertidal habitats at Egremont foreshore, man-made lagoons at Seaforth Nature Reserve and the extensive intertidal flats at North Wirral Foreshore. Egremont is most important as a feeding habitat for waders at low tide whilst Seaforth is primarily a high-tide roost site, as well as a nesting site for terns. North Wirral Foreshore supports large numbers of feeding waders at low tide and includes important high-tide roost sites. The most notable feature of the site is the exceptionally high density of wintering turnstone.



Qualifying features:

The site supports non-breeding bar-tailed godwit (*Limosa lapponica*), little gull (*Hydrocoloeus minutus*), and knot (*Calidris canutus islandica*). The site also supports breeding common tern (*Sterna hirundo*) and an internationally important waterbird assemblage.

Management:

- [Foreshore permit](#) required for vehicle access and boat launching.
- Sand yachting/ parakarting is managed by the Metropolitan Borough of Wirral and [Wirral Sand Yacht Club](#) which restrict activity areas.

Stakeholder Concerns:

Stakeholders considered board sports and beach recreation as the two main non-licensable activities which may cause impacts on the designated features.

MPA: Mersey Narrows and North Wirral Foreshore SPA				No. Stakeholders: 1 online & 4 workshop			
Activity	Frequency	Duration	Participation	Intensity	Confidence	MPA Extent	Trend
Board sports	1	2	1	2	H	1	↑
Geophysical surveys	1	3	1	3	L	1	→
Motor boating	3	3	2	18	H	1	↑
Jetskis	3	3	1	9	L	1	↑
Paddle sports	3	3	3	27	H	1	↑
Parascending	0	0	0	0	H	0	?
Sailing (non-motorised)	3	3	3	27	H	1	→
SCUBA diving	0	0	0	0	L	0	?
Swimming / Snorkelling	3	4	1	12	H	1	→
Towed water sports	2	2	1	4	H	1	→
Wildlife watching from the sea	0	0	0	0	L	0	?
Bait collection	4	1	2	8	M	1	→
Beach recreation	3	2	6	36	H	1	↑
Coasteering	0	0	0	0	?	0	→
Land boarding	2	2	3	12	M	0	↑
Motorsports (quad bikes, motorbikes)	1	1	1	1	L	1	→
Vehicle access (cars on foreshore)	0	0	0	0	M	0	?
Wildlife watching from the land	3	2	3	18	M	2	↑
Drone use	1	1	1	1	M	1	↑
Gliding (unpowered)	0	0	0	0	M	0	→
Aircraft (powered)	0	0	0	0	L	0	?

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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			
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		0 Does not occur				
		? Data missing				



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Non-licensable activities which occur in and around the Mersey Narrows and North Wirral Foreshore SPA

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Water based activities

- Board sports
- Geophysical surveys
- Motor boating
- Sailing
- Wildlife watching from the sea

Land based activities

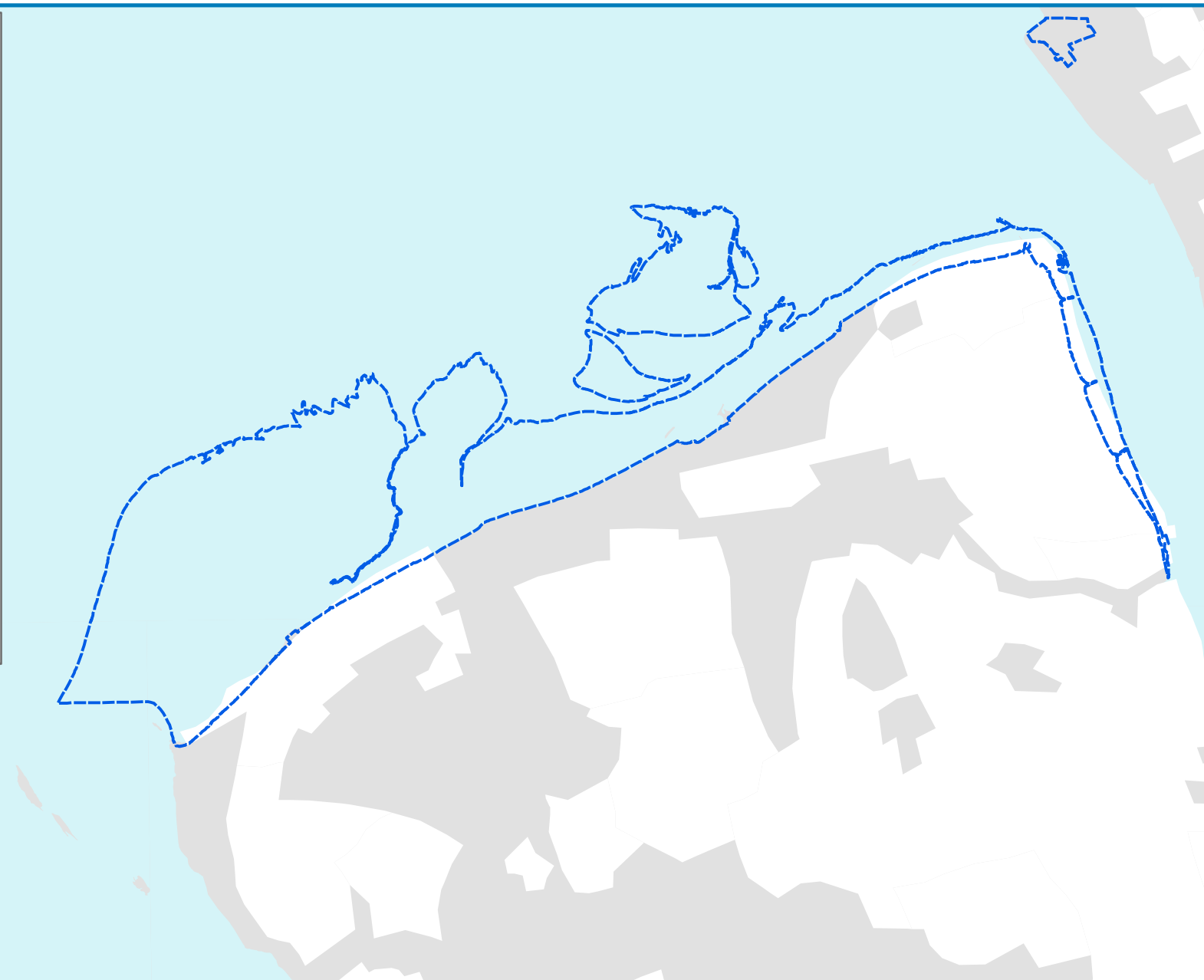
- Bait collection
- Beach recreation
- Land boarding
- Wildlife watching from the land

Aerial activities

- Drone use
- Aircraft (powered)

Supplementary data






- General boating areas (RYA)
- MPA boundary



Marine Protected Area Designated Features - SPA Supporting Habitats






Mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide (H1140) polygons

SPA_SF CODE

-  Intertidal coarse sediment (A2.1)
-  Intertidal sand and muddy sand (A2.2)
-  Intertidal mud (A2.3)
-  Intertidal mixed sediments (A2.4)
-  Intertidal seagrass beds (A2.61)








Sandbanks which are slightly covered by sea water all the time (H1110) polygons

SPA_SF CODE

-  Subtidal coarse sediment (A5.1)
-  Subtidal sand (A5.2)
-  Subtidal mud (A5.3)
-  Subtidal mixed sediment (A5.4)
-  Subtidal seagrass beds (A5.53)








Reefs (H1170) points

SPA_SF CODE

-  Intertidal rock (A1)
-  Intertidal biogenic reefs: (*Sabellaria alveolata*) (A2.71)
-  Intertidal biogenic reefs: mussel beds (SF_SH_5)
-  Infralittoral rock (A3)
-  Circalittoral rock (A4)
-  Subtidal biogenic reefs: (*Sabellaria spp.*) (A5.61)
-  Subtidal biogenic reefs: mussel beds (SF_SH_6)

Reefs (H1170) polygons

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-  Intertidal rock (A1)
-  Intertidal biogenic reefs: (*Sabellaria alveolata*) (A2.71)
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-  Subtidal biogenic reefs: mussel beds (SF_SH_6)

SPA_SF CODE

-  Saltmarsh (A2.5)