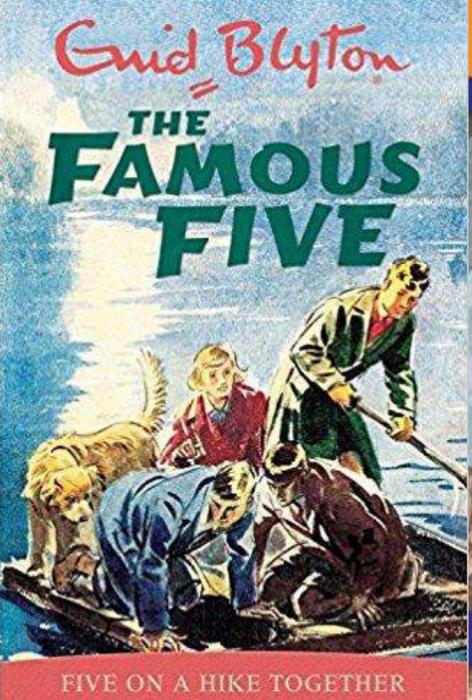
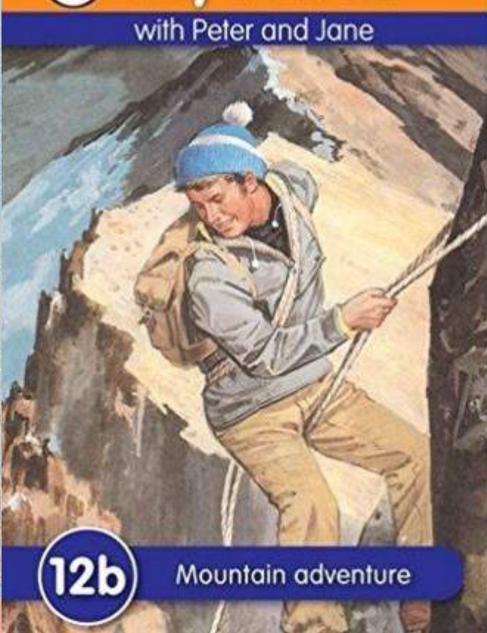


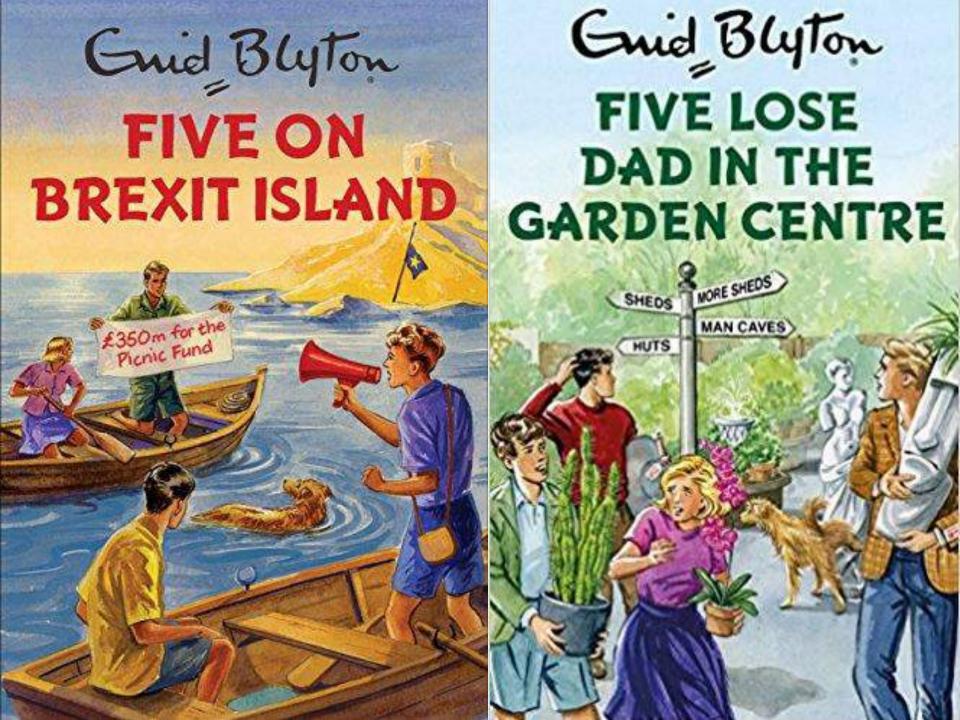
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Key Words





























The South West Coast Path Team

The South West Coast Path Team is responsible for co-ordinating the management and promotion of the 630-mile National Trail. Our work is funded by Natural England and we're supported in our task by the many rangers and wardens employed by the highway authorities and the National Trust who maintain the path to a high standard and thus ensure this remains one of the world's greatest walks. Contact: swcpteam@devon.gov.uk / www.southwestcoastpath.com / 01392 382560

The SWCP Association

The Association is a charitable body that represents those who enjoy the path. Through its membership of over 5000 people, it campaigns for the best possible standards for the route and its immediate corridor, providing help and information for walkers and through fundraising, assisting financially where appropriate, to ensure the best experience for all those using the Coast Path. Contact: info@swcp.org.uk / www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk / 01752 896237

Working with the media to promote the path

To help journalists in their quest for information, the SW Coast Path Team can provide; ready written content, access to thousands of high res photos, facts and figures, and set up interviews with local experts on subjects ranging from maritime history to geology. Working closely with tourism bodies and PR agencies they are also able to help facilitate selected media visits.

Contact: alex.green@devon.gov.uk / 01392 382683

Helping businesses to make the most of the Coast Path

As can be seen from the many sponsors of the Great South West Walk, having a high quality Coast Path is recognised by local businesses as being an important part of what they can offer their customers. The joint partnership between the SWCP Association and the SW Coast Path Team is working with tourism businesses to enhance the enjoyment of the Coast Path and linking routes and to provide. bespoke information about local walks and activities for their customers' use. To find out more contact: info@swcp.org.uk / 01752 896237

Unlocking our Coastal Heritage Project

2013 was the final year of the 'Unlocking Our Coastal Heritage' project, led by the SW Coast Path Team. This project used £2.1m in European grant aid through the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE), to increase the economic value of the South West Coast Path by protecting and enhancing heritage features, improving the quality of the route and working with businesses to improve the facilities and information provided to visitors. To find out more see www.southwestcoastpath.com/UCH/



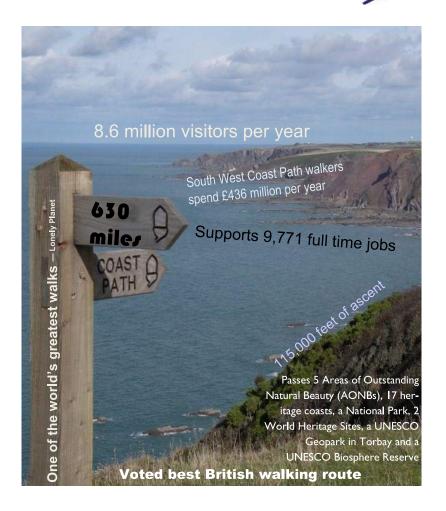
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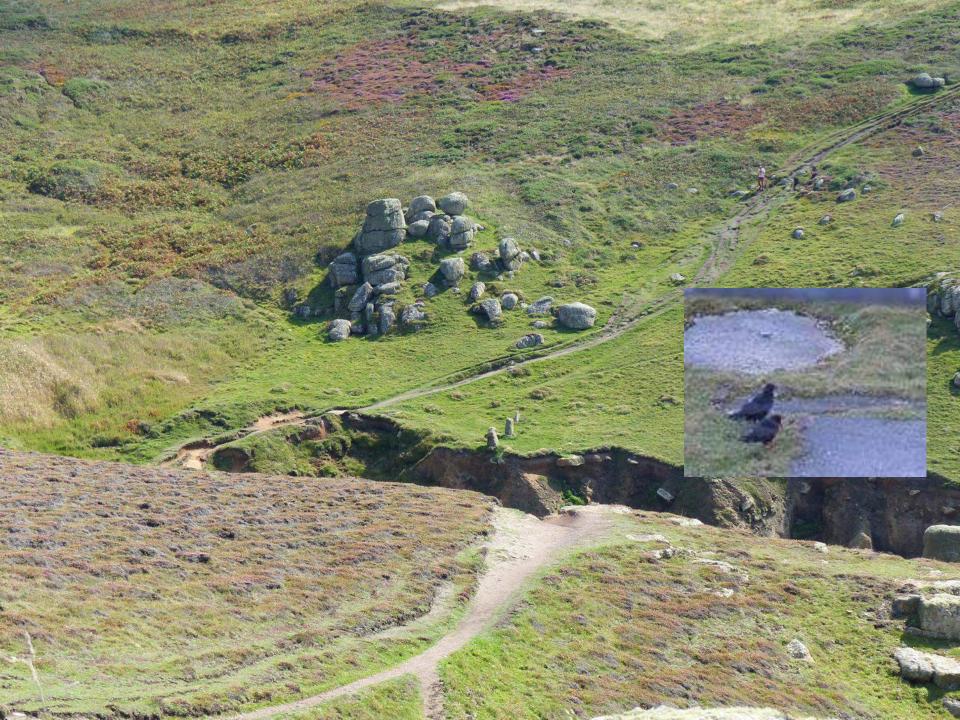






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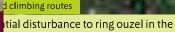




Access and biodiversity good practice guide

Promoting positive access management to sites of biodiversity value





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- Promoted climbing routes were also identifi (see numbered routes above).
- Crag Climbing Guidance were developed an produced as leaflets, and placed on the BMG website: http://www.climbingcrags.co.uk/ ViewCrag.aspx?id=204

The main message was no removal or cleaning cliff/ledge vegetation



Parsley fern

www.naturalengland.org.uk











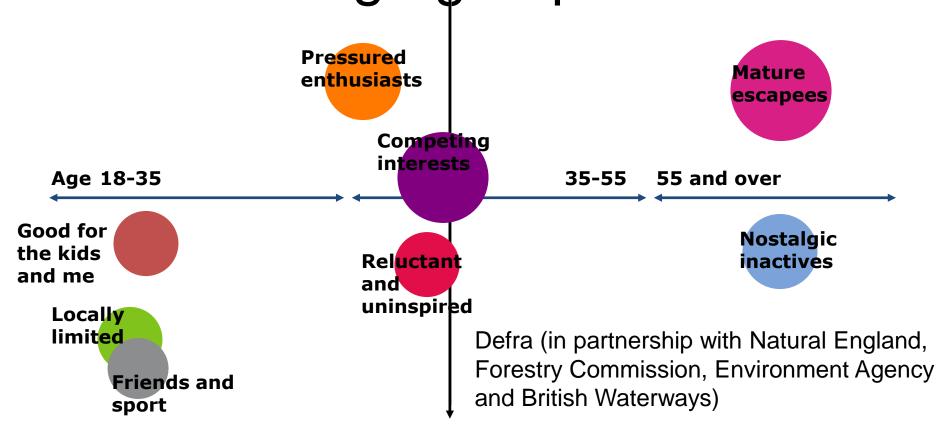




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- there are approximately 260 million visits to the natural environment across
 England every month
- approx 90% of the population of England visited the natural environment in the last 12 months but wide variation (11% visit at least once a day,21% visit several times a week, 20% once a week, 20% once or twice a month, 18% no more than 2 to 4 times a year)
- 48% of visits are to the countryside, 41% to open spaces in towns and cities, 8% to seaside resorts and 4% to coastline
- 34% of people that do not visit are aged 65 and over, compared to 16% that do visit the natural environment
- the most common reasons are being too busy at work (21%), poor health (17%), or old age (15%)

levels and types of engagement within three broad age groups



Strong agreement with natural environment attitudes

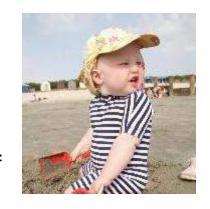
Segment 1: Good for the kids and me

Profile: 16-34 years C1C2

77% female, 60% married

high BME low disability

- Child focused with natural environment seen as a means of entertaining children
- Personal health not key driver and due to time pressure is less important than work and family
- Natural environment competes with formalised indoor/outdoor entertainment eg theme parks
- Key activities include walking, picnics, organised activities, informal ball games
- Ideal environment is beach in seaside town, large landscaped urban parks, visitor attractions
- Not overly concerned with environment, low levels of awareness and unlikely to make changes to lifestyle



'They like seeing all the scenery and things like that and do day outs –like Chessington [World of Adventures]'

Segment 2: Friends and sport

Profile: 16-34 years, C1C2

86% male, 77% single

high BME low disability

Time in the natural environment is not part of their lifestyle

friends important and few responsibilities

 Time spent outdoors usually a social activity with friends – bike riding or hanging around

- Looking for physical activities and adventure –not always associated with natural environment
- Key activities include socialising with friends, BBQs, football, tennis, BMX/skate boarding
- Ideal environment is local park to socialise with friends
- Not overly concerned with environment, low levels of awareness and unlikely to make changes to lifestyle



We go to the park just to hang out, get away from the house and the stress -escape from your parents telling you what to do'

Segment 3: Locally limited

Profile: 16-34 years DE

male and female, 37% married, 50% with children

high BME low disability

low car access high dog ownership



- Low satisfaction with local environment and concern about personal safety and crime
- Low interest in health and lack of interest in physical motivation
- Key activities include walking, picnics, informal games
- Ideal environment is well tended safe urban park with catering and facilities
- Limited interest in environment though focus on local cleanliness especially litter



It has watersports
Tennis, Football, Beautiful
and a kids play Park.
Unfortunately its full
of Scum bags

Segment 4: Pressured enthusiasts

Profile: 25-54 years AB

male and female, 76% married, 45% with children

average BME low disability high car access

- See themselves as outdoor people but lifestyle makes it difficult to engage as much as they would like
- Time pressured but good health and enjoy physical activity
- Enjoyment, escapism and relaxation main drivers
- High levels of interest in distant iconic landscapes as well as those closer to home
- Key activities include walking, rambling, kayaking etc
- Ideal environment is **local countryside** as provides sense of freedom and escapism (with travel)
- Real concern about environment but recycling is the main behaviour



At school 1 experienced
my first try at
canoeing. Hirraryed
weeks holidays at
Out Door Centres
gave me experience of
Maintaneering, rock
climsing converge and
company.

Segment 5: Competing interests

Profile: 35-54 years C1C2

male and female, 75% married, 45% with children

average BME low disability

high car access high dog ownership

- Like natural environment but have range of other competing interests (eg DIY)
- Children and family are biggest drivers and are more likely to want to look at the mountain rather than climb it
- Time and lack of knowledge are seen as barriers and lower levels of enjoyment mean they are less likely to try to overcome challenges (fair weather)
- Key activities include dog walking, picnics, country houses
- Ideal environment is local woods
- Consider themselves to be environmental, but report little activity beyond recycling



'I do enjoy
the fresh air
but it takes
planning to do
it properly and
we're more
likely to just
go to the pub
on a nice day'

Young Experience Seekers

Who Twenty-somethings on a journey of personal discovery. Open to challenge, in a physical or

horizon-broadening sense.

When Their days out are few but they make the most

of them either outdoors from dawn 'til dusk or

visiting several places in a day.

'If I suggest going up Snowdon usually my close friends are up for it. If they aren't, I would go on my own'



Where Typically outdoors, but you might find them enjoying the quiet spots of a built property on

a romantic date.

What Action-packed days out give instant gratification

and technology helps them make the most of their time. They're up for new things, whether physical activity or changing perceptions, and love the freedom of being able to take risks and challenge themselves. Impressed by the spectacular, they're 'collecting' experiences which will feature in the anecdotes of their life.

Why They visit because the place and space is so

amazing.

To help them see how aligned National Our challenge

Trust aspirations are to their own; keeping it

new and fresh.

Live Life to the Full

Self-driven intellectuals, confident of their Who own preferences and opinions and always on the go.

When Live Life to the Full avoid the crowds so

expect to see them at off-peak times of day or

out of school holiday times.

Off the beaten track, they make up their own routes and enjoy exploring hidden corners at their own pace; huge advocates of 'the great

outdoors'.



Where

our lives.

What Very independent visitors, they like to do it

their way and make their own discoveries, often related to their specialist interests. Full of energy, they pack lots into a day and continually seek fresh experiences. They like to challenge themselves physically and intellectually and enjoy meeting like-minded people.

Why They visit because we can satisfy their thirst

for knowledge and quest for escapism.

Our challenge To make their visit a sufficiently rich

and personal experience.

Curious Minds

Who Active thinkers, always questioning making connections between the learn. They have a wide range of i take positive steps to create a co of intellectual stimuli in their lives

When A perennial visitor, our places are without Curious Minds present -

the day in spring, summer, autum Curious Minds are found everywl

Where many happily boast about the nu National Trust places they've visi

What Always seeking additions to their knowledge, they are as happy lea their hobbies and interests as act them. They expect good, persona like to ask questions. A place to s is important for them to get the

visit indoors or out.



'For me I find it a an antidote to tl Century, you cha aesthetic batter

Why They visit because we stimulate t

and provide space to think.

Our challenge To maintain and deepen their in

Home & Family

Who Broad groups of friends and family who gather

together for special occasions. They seek passive enjoyment of an experience to suit all

tastes and ages.

When There's probably a family tradition as to when

they visit, such as someone's birthday or

Mothering Sunday.

'On Bank Holiday Monday nine of us went to Fairhaven Gardens.



Kids First Families

Who Families who look for a fun environment where children are stimulated and adults can

relax.

When School holidays and weekends, especially 'event' days (eg, Halloween, Easter, etc).

Where Large destinations with facilities and child-

friendly activities; they mostly stay outdoors but don't roam far needing clear signage and paths.

What

Visits are focused on the children, keeping them happy and tiring them out, so they seek high-energy excitement and a guaranteed

Explorer Families

Who Families that actively learn and p the adults will get as much out of

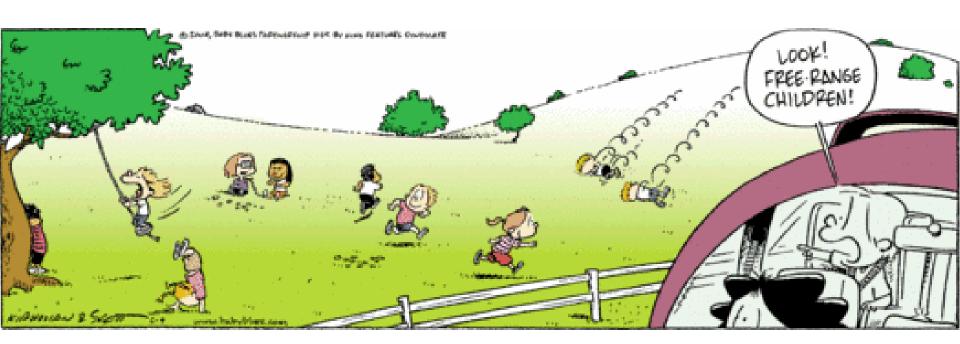
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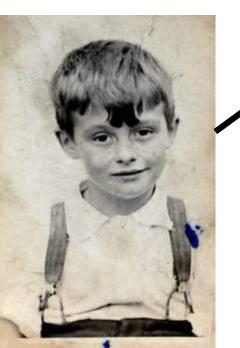
















with affordable places to stay nearby

William's Den East Yorkshire

This brand new adventure attraction set to open in March has an indoor area with sensory play zone, bridges, tunnels and climbing nets. The outdoor section will have trees, water play, discovery zones and den making materials. It can be combined with the nearby North Cave Wetlands nature reserve for a weekend of outdoor fun.

Prices and opening times TBC williamsden.co.uk

Where to stay A mile away in North Cave, Nordham Cottages has a threebedroom house from £315 for a short break, nordhamcottages.co.uk

New Forest national park

This spring the New Forest will open its first permanent wild play site, the Holbury Manor Park and Warren Copse, which encourages children to explore nature through activities such as den building and tracing animal tracks. It is being developed in response to reports showing the number of children playing in the wild has more than halved in a generation.

• Free, thenewforest.co.uk

Where to stay Ashdene Guest House
in Dibden Purlieu has a room for four
from £98 B&B, ashdenehouse.co.uk

Pembrokeshire Wake Park

Wales continues to rule the waves in outdoor attractions. Barely a year after the launch of Surf Snowdonia, a new wakeboarding park is opening at Easter near Narberth in west Wales. It will give newbies a chance to try the sport and have ramps and rails for advanced riders.

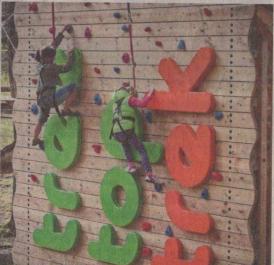
Sessions from £20pp, beginner lessons £40pp, pembrokeshirewakepark.co.uk
Where to stay The Bluestone national park resort has self-catering lodges for four from £319 for three nights, bluestonewales.com

Zipworld Fforest Coaster

Snowdonia

This will be the first ride of a kind now





▲ Up and away ... Zipworld in Snowdonia (top), and the climbing wall at Treetop

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• treetoptrek.co.uk/manchester Where to stay YHA Manchester has en suite family rooms for four from £49 a night, yha.org.uk

Ironbridge Gorge Shropshire

The forge has 10 award-winning museums, from a china museum to a recreated Victorian town. This year marks 50 years of the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust, and 300 years since the death of Abraham Darby I, the man said to have started the industrial revolution. The Coalbrookedale Museum of Iron reopens at Easter, and there's a summer of events on the theme of Fire, Furnace and Steam.

Ticket prices vary, ironbridge.org.uk Where to stay Coalport Station has two converted railway carriages.

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Family ticket from £74, blackgangchine.com

Where to stay Nettlecombe Farm has a cottage for four from £273 for three nights, nettlecombefarm.co.uk

Pitlochry Dam Perthshire

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• Free, pitlochry-scotland.co.uk

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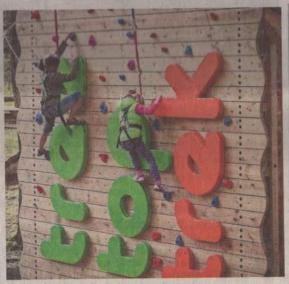
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Opens 10 June, introductory offer £15pp, 3-8 years £7.50, zipworld.co.uk Where to stay YHA Snowdon Pen y Pass has en suite rooms for four from £59 a night, yha.org.uk



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• betteshanger-park.co.uk

Where to stay Salt Cottage in Deal sleeps four from £322 for three nights, through kentandsussexcottages.co.uk

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Underwater Kingdom at Blackgang Chine Isle of Wight

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thesill.org.uk

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