

## What you can do to protect our wonderful wildlife

Our coastal sites are under pressure from more people – erosion, trampling and litter are particular problems that affect wildlife and detract from peoples' enjoyment.

When visiting any outdoor green space, please:

- ◆ Take care not to disturb any wildlife
- ◆ Please stay away from nesting birds
- ◆ Stay on the paths where they exist
- ◆ Do not light fires or disposable barbeques
- ◆ Follow instructions and the guidance on signs
- ◆ Respect other visitors, facilities and park your car considerately
- ◆ Leave no trace and take any litter home
- ◆ Do not pick plants or flowers
- ◆ Respect fenced off areas especially ponds
- ◆ Take care not to venture too far out on coastal sites – the tide comes in quickly



When visiting with a dog, please:

- ◆ Keep your dog in sight or on a short lead at all times
- ◆ Clean up after your dog and use any dog bins provided
- ◆ Please do not allow your dog to chase flocks of birds. Exercise your dog away from resting or feeding birds to avoid disturbance.



## A few interesting facts about the coastal sites near to Knowsley...



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The Sefton Coast has the largest Sand Dune system in England

The Mersey Estuary has the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest tidal range in Britain!

Look out for large flocks of geese and swans flying over Knowsley in winter!



Halsnead Park

Thank you for taking the time to read this leaflet and we hope you enjoy exploring your local area responsibly!



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## Respecting Nature in Knowsley:

*A voluntary code for responsible recreation*

HOW YOU CAN HELP PROTECT OUR GREENSPACE, COAST & ESTUARIES



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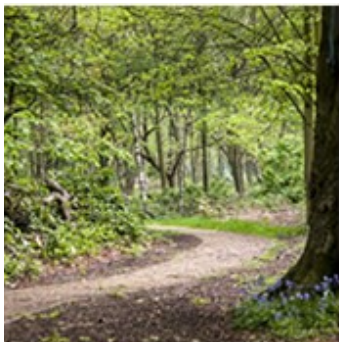
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## Our Local Green Spaces



**There are some wonderful parks and outdoor green spaces for you to enjoy in your local area!**



Acornfield Plantation



Stadt Moers

**Our coastline is of international importance, and we need your help to protect it.**

Our coast and estuaries are becoming an increasingly popular destination for visitors. However, irresponsible recreational use has already caused damage to these coastal sites. These special places host an array of habitats and wildlife. These sites are important nationally and internationally for their rare and scarce habitats, birds, amphibians, reptiles and plants.

Every year thousands of migratory birds arrive on our coastlines to spend the winter. They fly great distances from Russia, Scandinavia, Greenland, Iceland and the wider Arctic to feed on shellfish, worms and plants along the coast and surrounding areas. However, birds can be easily disturbed, especially by dogs. Flying away wastes valuable energy, reducing their chances of survival.

Knowsley does not have a coastline, however, some of our farmland areas are important resting and feeding grounds for the wintering birds that use the Ribble Estuary and Mersey Estuary. Through the management of our local parks and green spaces, we are seeking to provide for our communities recreational needs locally so that there is less need to travel to the coast.



## Internationally Protected Coastal wildlife sites



The following of this guidance will help reduce any potential impact on the special habitats and wildlife for which these sites have been designated. This way both visitors and our wildlife can enjoy our great outdoors for generations to come.

You can find out more about why our coastal sites are protected by visiting Natural England's website:

<https://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/>