

NERR092 Appendix 8 People and Nature Survey

Natural England's Natural Capital Evidence Handbook helps you come to a strategic understanding about the natural environment in your place using natural capital evidence. This Evidence Information Note helps you access resources related to the People and Nature Survey for England.

Background

The People and Nature Survey for England gathers evidence and trend data through an online survey relating to people's enjoyment, access, understanding of and attitudes to the natural environment, and its contributions to wellbeing. The People and Nature Survey builds on the Monitor of Engagement with the Natural Environment (MENE) survey which ran from 2009 to 2019.

How does it work?

- The People and Nature Survey for England gathers information from adults (16+) across England through an online survey. It also asks adults about their children's experiences of nature.
- It uses a [modular questionnaire](#) to survey up to 25,000 adults in England per year. All modules are surveyed throughout the year, but some are only asked of a random sub-set of the overall sample.
- Data collection began in April 2020 and is released on a quarterly basis.
- Interim statistics are released monthly to understand the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on how people use the natural environment in England.
- The People and Nature Survey builds on and succeeds the [Monitor of Engagement with the Natural Environment \(MENE\) survey](#), which ran from 2009 to 2019 and collected survey data from over half a million respondents through face-to-face interviews.

Outputs: What is available to use?

- The [People and Nature User Hub](#) provides a gateway to resources and information about the survey. You can register for updates and notifications of data releases and publications.
- The [People and Nature Survey Collection](#) provides links to data released.
- The [MENE Collection](#) provides links to data and tools released 2009-2019.
- To celebrate a decade of MENE, a [visual storymap](#) is available summarising what we have learnt from the survey.

What can you use it for?

The data can help users to:

- Understand how people use, enjoy and are motivated to protect the natural environment.
- Monitor changes in use of the natural environment over time, at a range of different spatial scales and for key groups within the population.
- Understand how being in the natural environment can have an effect on health and wellbeing.
- Understand environmental attitudes and the actions people take at home, in the garden and in the wider community to protect the environment.
- Understand relationships and trends across the population and between sub-groups.
- Identify inequalities between different age, ethnic and socio-economic groups, and those with different states of health, in how they use and experience the natural environment.