

Table 10: Land-based Recreation

	Relevant Authorities for this activity	Other Competent Authorities	Other associated organisations
Authorities associated with activity	Isle of Wight Council (IWC); English Nature (EN)	Harbour Authorities; Sport England	
Location	Land based recreation of some form takes place at virtually all localities throughout the SWMEMS area, but concentrated on sites with good access and public amenities, such as Bembridge, Whitecliff Bay, Shanklin, Ventnor, Sandown, Freshwater.		
Frequency	This activity is greatly variable in intensity, seasonality and time period.		
Potential effects with regards to Reg. 33 advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abrasion • Noise • Visual • Introduction of synthetic and non-synthetic compounds. 		
Research undertaken	Unknown		
Research required	Possible research into the number, level, and type of activity taking place and the effects on the environment.		
Ongoing management	<p>The IWC has little direct regulatory role in land-based recreation except those which require LA licensing. Some recreation activities are managed through the council-run Fort Victoria Country Park. The Isle of Wight Unitary Development Plan (UDP) recognises the value of countryside recreation and expresses a desire to encourage it. The UDP also recognises that encouraging greater countryside recreation may lead to an increased requirement for other facilities such as interpretative provision, car parks and toilets.</p> <p>Permission is required from EN for any operation likely to damage a SSSI. EN may consent, assist or advise on any operations listed as 'an operation requiring EN's consent (formerly Operations Likely to Damage, OLD). EN is able to prosecute anyone for damage to a SSSI under the CRoW Act 2000. EN is also able to make byelaws for the protection of a European marine site under Regulation 36 of the Conservation Regulations 1994 but this is considered a last resort in the management of this site.</p> <p>Local authorities (LA) or Harbour authorities (HA) can make conservation byelaws if they have responsibility for a Local Nature Reserve (LNR). All LA plans, HA plans and Estuary Management Plans have a degree of control over access and land-based recreation. These are subsequently managed to aid tourism. Sport England has codes for best practise of some of the activities for which they have responsibility.</p>		
Gaps in management			
New actions required	Relevant Authority to implement new actions	Timescale	
Contact IWC Parks and Beaches for regular updates on level/type of activity.	IWC/Secretariat	Annual	