

Table 14: Educational Fieldtrips

	Relevant Authorities for this activity	Other Competent Authorities	Other associated organisations
Authorities associated with activity	Isle of Wight Council (IWC); Isle of Wight Centre for the Coastal Environment (IWCCE); English Nature (EN)		
Location	Scattered, accessible localities throughout the SWMEMS area. The Isle of Wight Centre for the Coastal Environment runs fieldtrips from Bonchurch to Steephill Cove.		
Frequency	Seasonal from the Spring to early autumn months.		
Potential effects with regards to Reg. 33 advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise • Visual • Abrasion • Introduction of synthetic and non-synthetic compounds. 		
Research undertaken	None apart from a count of numbers attending council run educational events.		
Research required	What is the overall level of usage and any negative impacts as a result of the activities.		
Ongoing management	<p>Management of educational fieldtrips may be undertaken by schools, independent and commercial field study centres and the owners of private land who may have given permission for studies to take place on their land.</p> <p>The IWCCE conducts educational walks and sampling rock pools along the coastal path from Bonchurch to Steephill Cove. Dinosaur Isle conducts a number of fossil hunts along the SWMEMS. The full range of educational activities carried out in the SWMEMS area is unknown at present.</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. In some SSSIs under some circumstances educational fieldtrips could constitute recreational or other activities likely to damage the flora and fauna and therefore require consent.</p>		
Gaps in management			
New actions required	Relevant Authority to implement new actions	Timescale	
To obtain information/figures where possible from Medina Valley Centre, National Trust, Dinosaur Isle and IWCCE - what is the overall level of usage? Investigate the Medina Valley Centre monitoring.	Secretariat	Annual	