



Newry, Mourne and Down District Parks and Beach Survey 2023

Parks Survey

The Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area is well recognised for the quality of our outdoor environment. Across the district local residents and visitors have the benefit of being able to access high-quality forest parks, country park and green spaces. There is increasing public awareness of the value of good-quality forests, parks and green spaces in improving the quality of life for our residents and visitors. Forests and country parks have many uses, including appreciating wildlife; natural and cultural heritage; relaxation, peace and quiet; opportunities to take part in both exhilarating and gentle outdoor recreation activities, enjoying the company of family and friends, or enjoying solitude. With a growing emphasis on recreation and leisure, forests and parks are now playing an ever more important role in providing amenities and enhancing people's quality of life.

Within the district, the Council manages the recreation and tourism provision at 4 Forest and Country Parks (**Castlewellan, Kilbroney Park, Delamont Country Park and Slieve Gullion Forest Park**) which collectively attract in excess of one million visitors per annum.

As the number of residents and visitors using our Forest and Country Parks continue to increase, the Council is committed to ensuring the long-term sustainability of these spaces.

The Council are keen to hear from park users about their experience in using our Parks. We would welcome your input and invite you to complete this short questionnaire by clicking on the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/wsTE5Kvqmk>

To Complete the NMDDC Beach Survey Please See The Next Page...

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Beach Survey

The Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area is well recognised for the quality of our outdoor environment. With approximately 100 miles of coastline along the district local residents and visitors have the benefit of being able to access quality Blue Flag beaches. Such provision helps promote and facilitate healthier and more active lifestyles. With opportunity for activities such as swimming, water sports or leisurely beach walks combined with insights in the habitat of local flora and fauna.

Within the district, the Council manages the recreation and tourism provision at **Tyrella and Cranfield Blue Flag Beaches with Murlough Blue Flag Beach** provided through the support of National Trust.

As the number of residents and visitors using our Beaches continue to increase, the Council is committed to ensuring the long-term sustainability of these spaces.

The Council are keen to hear from beach users about their experience in using the facilities.

We would welcome your input and invite you to complete this short questionnaire by clicking on the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/1as5w0hLch>

The responses will be used to help inform any future plans which may be developed at Beaches to help improve the user experience. **The survey will be open until 30 September 2023.**

For further information please contact Visitor Services via the details below.

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