Thank you for taking part in our latest survey - we received 387 responses! Congratulations to Emma, Harry, James, and Michael who each won a £50 gift voucher in our prize draw.

Your views on our publicly accessible recreation sites

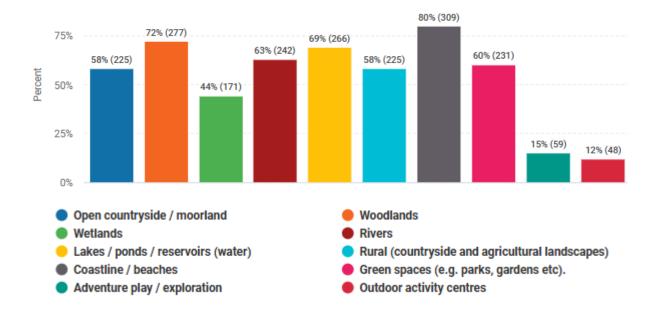
In this survey we invited you to share your views on our publicly accessible recreational sites such as reservoirs, lakes and nature reserves.

Two-thirds of respondents were aware that we have publicly accessible sites with Sutton Bingham Reservoir, Clatworthy Reservoir, and Backwell Lake being the most popular.

Of those who had recently visited a Wessex Water recreational site, you told us that you enjoyed general leisure and relaxation, birdwatching, fishing, and others participated in organised water sports such as sailing and kayaking.

We asked about your impressions of our sites and respondents who have recently visited told us that they are highly satisfied with site presentation, signage and information, and that they would recommend these sites for others to visit.

More generally you told us that you like to visit a range of different destinations and landscapes to enjoy nature trails and hiking, nature-based activities such as birdwatching, general leisure and sightseeing (chart below).







You also shared that some of the main reasons or barriers for not visiting outdoor spaces more often include travelling distance, and lack of awareness or not having enough information about publicly accessible recreational sites.

Finally, we asked you about the importance of difference facilities when visiting an outdoor recreational sites. Having access to a car park, accessible toilets and changing spaces (if appropriate), established paths and information about the site were key, however facilities such as a café and organised activities were less important.

We will use your views on publicly accessible outdoor spaces to inform our work at our recreational sites to ensure that these are attractive and welcoming to a wide range visitors. You can find more information about our recreational sites here.



Backwell Lake (Bristol)



Bleadon Levels Nature Reserve (North Somerset)

Thank you for being a member of our online panel and for taking part!

