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Chilmark Quarries

Site details

Country	England
Unitary Authority	Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area
Centroid*	ST974310
Latitude	51.07833333
Longitude	-2.036388889
SAC EU code	UK0016373
Status	Designated Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
Area (ha)	10.16

* This is the approximate central point of the SAC. In the case of large, linear or composite sites, this may not represent the location where a feature occurs within the SAC.

General site character

Mixed woodland (95%)
Other land (including Towns, Villages, Roads, Waste places, Mines, Industrial sites) (5%)

[Natura 2000 standard data form](#) for this site as submitted to Europe (PDF, < 100kb).

[Interactive map](#) from MAGIC (Multi-Agency Geographic Information for the Countryside).



Location of Chilmark Quarries SAC/SCI/cSAC

Note:

When undertaking an appropriate assessment of impacts at a site, all features of European importance (both primary and non-primary) need to be considered.

Annex I habitats that are a primary reason for selection of this site

Not applicable

Annex I habitats present as a qualifying feature, but not a primary reason for selection of this site

Not applicable.

Annex II species that are a primary reason for selection of this site

1304 [Greater horseshoe bat](#) *Rhinolophus ferrumequinum*

This complex of abandoned stone mines provides suitable hibernation conditions for a range of bat species and has a long history of usage by **greater horseshoe bats** *Rhinolophus ferrumequinum*.

1308 [Barbastelle](#) *Barbastella barbastellus*

This complex of abandoned mines in central-southern England is regularly used by small numbers of **barbastelle** *Barbastella barbastellus* as a hibernation site. The site also contains an important assemblage of other bat species, including **1323 Bechstein's bat** *Myotis bechsteinii*, for which this site has also been selected, indicating that conditions at this site are particularly favourable for the survival of these bat species.

1323 [Bechstein's bat](#) *Myotis bechsteinii*

This complex of abandoned mines in central-southern England, is regularly used as a hibernation site by small numbers of **Bechstein's bat** *Myotis bechsteinii*. The site also contains a nationally important assemblage of other bats, including **1308 barbastelle** *Barbastella barbastellus*, for which this site has also been selected, indicating that conditions are particularly favourable for the survival of these bat species.

Annex II species present as a qualifying feature, but not a primary reason for site selection

1303 [Lesser horseshoe bat](#) *Rhinolophus hipposideros*

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