

JNCC is a statutory adviser to UK Government and devolved administrations



[Home](#) > [Protected Sites](#) > [Special Areas of Conservation \(SAC\)](#) > [SAC selection](#)

Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

[UK SAC summary](#)

[UK SAC site list](#)

[England site list](#)

[Northern Ireland](#)

[Scotland](#)

[Wales](#)

[SAC selection](#)

[Summary](#)

[Background to site selection](#)

[Latest changes to the UK SAC list](#)

[Annex I Habitat accounts](#)

[Annex II Species accounts](#)

[Browse cSACs on a map](#)

[Notes on nomenclature](#)

[Search for a SAC](#)

[Other designations on UK SACs](#)

[cSACs in NI which adjoin cSACs in the RoI](#)

[Annex I habitats and Annex II species occurring in the UK](#)

[Abbreviations and acronyms](#)

[Acknowledgements](#)

[References](#)

[Download spatial and summary data](#)

[Download GIS data](#)

[Marine SACs](#)

Cotswold Beechwoods

Site details

Country	England
Unitary Authority	Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area
Centroid*	SO898134
Latitude	51.81861111
Longitude	-2.14777778
SAC EU code	UK0013658
Status	Designated Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
Area (ha)	590.2

* 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

Inland water bodies (Standing water, Running water) (1%)

Dry grassland, Steppes (1.5%)

Broad-leaved deciduous woodland (82%)

Coniferous woodland (5%)

Mixed woodland (10%)

Other land (including Towns, Villages, Roads, Waste places, Mines, Industrial sites) (0.5%)

[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).

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

9130 [Asperulo-Fagetum beech forests](#)

The Cotswold Beechwoods represent the most westerly extensive blocks of *Asperulo-Fagetum* beech forests in the UK. The woods are floristically richer than the Chilterns, and rare plants include red helleborine *Cephalanthera rubra*, stinking hellebore *Helleborus foetidus*, narrow-lipped helleborine *Epipactis leptochila* and wood barley *Hordeylmus europaeus*. There is a rich mollusc fauna. The woods are structurally varied, including blocks of high forest and some areas of remnant beech coppice.

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

6210 [Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates \(Festuco-Brometalia\) \(* important orchid sites\)](#)

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

Many designated sites are on private land: the listing of a site in these pages does not imply any right of public access.



Location of Cotswold Beechwoods SAC/SCI/cSAC

