

Exe Personal Water Craft (PWC) Code

Stay Safe,
Ride Responsibly



DO

- Launch from Mamhead Slipway when possible (*see map*).
- Avoid voluntary Wildlife Refuges where safe to do so: stay away from areas where you may cause disturbance to protected wildlife (*see map*).
- Keep 200m off shore, away from beaches and residential areas.
- Respect the local Byelaws.
- Read information signs.
- Carry the correct safety equipment on board, including a tow rope, a suitable means of calling for help and wear a personal flotation device and kill cord.
- Ensure you have third party insurance.
- Display your DATATAG ID number on your craft.
- Get trained!

DON'T

- Exceed 10 knot speed limit within harbour limits (as defined by charts and buoyage).
- Leave your vehicles on the beach or on slipways.
- Land anywhere in Dawlish Warren other than designated area (*see map*).
- Run your engine when out of the water.
- Operate amongst the moorings.
- Go up river from your launch point – use of PWCs over 10 knots should not be undertaken in the estuary, but should be taken out to sea.

Exe Estuary Navigation Byelaws

- Byelaw 4: Do not exceed speed limit as defined by charts and buoyage: 10 Knots Max.
- Byelaw 6: Navigate with due care and attention and with reasonable care for others.

Prevent litter:
Bin it or take it home



Want To Know More?

Exe Estuary Management Partnership: 01392 382236
Harbour Authority (River & Canal Office): 01392 265791
Coastguard (emergencies): 999 or VHF Ch16
SEDHRP Mitigation Officers: habitatmitigation@eastdevon.gov.uk

For further information, Exe leaflets and other codes of conduct, visit the Exe Estuary Management Partnership website at www.exe-estuary.org.



These codes have been produced by the Exe Estuary Management Partnership and South East Devon Habitat Regulations Partnership, supported by local users and organisations.



SOUTH EAST DEVON
HABITAT REGULATIONS
PARTNERSHIP

Powderham
Powderham Castle

The Exe Estuary

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The Ridge

Exmouth Wildlife Refuge



Starcross

Exmouth

Cockwood

Mamhead Slipway
PWCs to launch from Mamhead Slipway when conditions allow

Wreck

Esplanade
Exmouth Coastwatch Station

Warren Point

Dawlish Warren Wildlife Refuge

Queen's Drive
RNLI Exmouth Lifeboat Station

Orcombe Point

Straight Point

Eales Dock
Dawlish Warren

LIMIT 10 KNOTS

Pole Sand

Exe Buoy

Visitor Centre

Harbour Limit

Dawlish

Langstone Point

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Key

- Wildlife Refuge
- Slipway - PWCs to launch from Mamhead Slipway when conditions allow
- Dawlish Warren Landing Area (only from 1 April to 4 September inclusive) – avoid landing outside this area

Watch Out For Wildlife

The whole of the estuary is a nationally and internationally important site for wildlife, including Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and a Special Protection Area (SPA). Please avoid disturbing wildlife, as this can impact on survival of migrating birds. Wildlife Refuges have been identified as vital areas for protected birds to rest and feed, please avoid these voluntary areas. If a water user gets into difficulty and their safety is at risk, then the refuge areas can be accessed temporarily, until users can safely make their way out of the Wildlife Refuges.

More information can be found at www.exewildliferefuge.org.uk

Please be aware that it is an offence to intentionally or recklessly disturb the wildlife in an SSSI or to damage or disturb land known to be an SSSI. It is also an offence to take down, damage or obstruct an SSSI notice or sign.

Enjoy watching wildlife but keep a distance of 100m to avoid disturbance, especially from birds gathering at high water.