

## NATURE CONSERVANCY COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND

### TEESMOUTH NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

The Nature Conservancy Council for England, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Sections 20 and 106 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949\* and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf hereby make the following byelaws for the protection of the National Nature Reserve at Teesmouth in the Boroughs of Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees.

1. In these byelaws:
  - i. "The Reserve" shall mean the pieces or parcels of land containing in the whole 354.7 hectares or thereabouts and situate in the Boroughs of Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees declared to be managed as a National Nature Reserve by the Declaration No 1 dated 20th day of March 1995 made by the Nature Conservancy Council for England in pursuance of Section 19 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 and all other powers aforesaid, and the Reserve is for the purpose of identification shown as nearly as may be on the map annexed to these byelaws and thereon coloured yellow.
  - ii. "The Council" shall mean the Nature Conservancy Council for England; and
  - iii. "Firearm" shall have the same meaning as in Section 57 of the Firearms Act 1968.
2. Within the Reserve, the following acts are hereby prohibited except insofar as they may be authorised by a permit issued by the Council in accordance with Byelaw 3 or are necessary to the proper execution of his duty by an officer of the Council or by any person, or servant of any person, employed or authorised by the Council.

#### RESTRICTION OF ACCESS

- i. Entering at any time those parts of the Reserve hatched diagonally black on the attached map or where notice to keep out has been posted by order of the Council.

#### DAMAGE TO OR DISTURBANCE OF THINGS IN THE RESERVE

- ii. Spreading or using any net, or setting or using any lamp or other instrument or any snare or lure, for the taking, injury or destruction of any living creature.
- iii. Taking, molesting or intentionally disturbing, injuring or killing any living creature.
- iv. Taking or intentionally disturbing or destroying the eggs, larvae, pupae or other immature stages, or the place used for the shelter or protection of any living creature.
- v. Intentionally removing or displacing any tree, shrub, plant, fungus or part thereof, or any unfashioned mineral thing including water.

#### BRINGING ANIMALS INTO THE RESERVE

- vi. Intentionally bringing, or permitting to be brought, into the Reserve any living creature, or the egg of any living creature, or any plant, or any seed or any other part of any plant, in such circumstances that it is likely that such creature or plant will reproduce or propagate itself, or such egg will hatch, or such seed will germinate.
- vii. Bringing into, or permitting to remain within, the Reserve any dog, or any other animal, unless it is kept either on a lead or under close control and is prevented from worrying or disturbing any animal or bird.
- viii. Turning out any animal or poultry to feed or graze.

#### AREAS OF WATER

- ix. Causing or knowingly permitting any poisons, noxious or polluting matter to enter any stream or controlled waters.
- x. Water skiing, jet-skiing or ice skating.
- xi. Propelling (by any means whatever) any boat on an area or stretch of water, other than a stretch of water over which a public right of navigation exists, in contravention of a notice exhibited beside that water by the Council.
- xii. Mooring or leaving or launching any boat elsewhere than on a beach or mooring site indicated by a notice exhibited by the Council as being available for this purpose.

- xiii. Obstructing the flow of any drain or watercourse except in cases of emergency.

#### USE OF VEHICLES

- xiv. Driving, riding, propelling or leaving any mechanically propelled vehicle (including hovercraft) elsewhere than on a highway or road, or in a place indicated by a notice as being available for the purpose.
- xv. Landing any aircraft except in case of emergency.
- xvi. Launching or landing a hang-glider or radio-controlled model aircraft except in cases of emergency.
- xvii. Operating any hang-glider or radio-controlled model aircraft at such a height that persons on the ground may be inconvenienced or annoyed.

#### USE OF FIREARMS ETC

- xviii. Being in possession of a firearm, with ammunition suitable for use in that firearm, or discharging a firearm or lighting a firework.
- xix. Projecting any missile manually or by artificial means.

#### GENERAL PROHIBITION

- xx. Erecting, occupying or using any tent, shed, caravan or other structure for the purpose of camping elsewhere than in an area indicated by a notice as being available for camping.
- xxi. Erecting any post, rail, fence, pole, stand, building or other structure.
- xxii. Neglecting to shut any gate or to fasten it if any means of doing so are provided.
- xxiii. Posting or placing any notice or advertisement.
- xxiv. Selling or offering, or exposing for sale, or letting for hire or offering or exposing for letting for hire, any commodity or article, or selling or offering for sale any service.
- xxv. a. Engaging in any activity which is causing or likely to cause a public nuisance or disturbance.

- b. Holding any show, performance, public meeting, exhibition or sports or the playing of any organised games.
- xxvi. Intentionally or recklessly removing or displacing, any noticeboard, notice exhibited by order of the Council, apparatus, wall, boundary bank, fence, barrier, railing, post or hide.
- xxvii. Lighting any fire, stove, heater or other appliance capable of causing a fire, elsewhere than in an area indicated by a notice as being available for camping.
- xxviii. Letting fall or throwing any lighted match or lighted substance in a manner likely to cause a fire.
- xxix. Intentionally leaving items in a place other than a receptacle provided by the Council for deposit of litter or refuse.
- xxx. The gathering of bait of any description other than in the area hatched vertically black on the attached map.

#### INTERFERENCE WITH DULY AUTHORISED OFFICER

- xxxi. Intentionally obstructing any officer of the Council or any person, or the servant of any person, employed or authorised by the Council in the execution of any works including research or scientific work connected with the laying out, maintenance or management of the Reserve.
- 3.
    - i. The Council may issue permits authorising any person to do any act or class of acts within the Reserve or any part thereof which would otherwise be unlawful under these byelaws; and
    - ii. Any such permit shall be issued subject to the following conditions:
      - a. that it must be carried whenever a visit is made to the Reserve, and produced for inspection when required by a person duly authorised by the Council in that behalf; and
      - b. that it may be revoked by the Council at any time.
  - 4. These byelaws shall not operate so as to interfere with the exercise:
    - i. by a person of:
      - a. a right vested in him as owner, lessee or occupier of land in the Reserve;

- b. any easement or profit a prendre of which he is entitled; and
- c. any public right of way;
- ii. of any function of a local authority, statutory undertaker or of a water authority or other drainage authority; and
- iii. by a constable or a member of the armed forces or of any fire brigade or ambulance service of the performance of his duty.

5. Any person who offends against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine on level 2 as laid down in the Criminal Justice Act and in the case of a continuing offence to a further fine for each day during which the offence continues after the said conviction.

Given under the Common Seal of the Nature Conservancy Council for England.

Signed:

*E. J. Jelle*

Dated: *29th April 1997.*



The Nature Conservancy Council for England, Northminster House, Peterborough,  
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'I certify the above to be a true copy of the original as examined and compared therewith by me this *29th* day of *April* one thousand nine hundred and ninety seven

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On behalf of the Nature Conservancy Council for England