



Teesmouth Landscape Area Designations

Statutory designated sites (national)	Site Name	Reason for Designation
Special Protection Area (SPA)	Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast	Non-breeding populations of red knot, common redshank and sandwich tern and a breeding population of little tern. Also designated for water bird assemblage.
National Nature Reserve (NNR)	Teesmouth	Covers two areas - North Gare, an area of dunes and grazing marsh north of Hartlepool Power Station, and Seal Sands, one of the largest areas of intertidal mudflats on England's north-east coast.
Ramsar site (Wetlands of international importance)	Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast	Populations of common redshank and red knot occurring at levels of international importance; assemblages of waterfowl of international importance with peak counts in winter.
Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	Tees and Hartlepool foreshore and wetlands	Comprises several coastal areas which are an integral part of the complex of wetlands, estuarine and maritime sites supporting the internationally important population of wildfowl and waders on the Tees Estuary.
	Cowpen Marsh	Forms a part of 'Teesmouth Flats and Marshes', a complex of sites of international importance for overwintering shore birds. It includes the largest saltmarsh between Lindisfarne National Nature Reserve to the north and the Humber Estuary to the south.
	Seal Sands	Forms a part of 'Teesmouth Flats and Marshes' a complex of sites of international importance for overwintering shore birds. It is the only extensive area of intertidal mudflats, with tidal channels on the East coast of England between the Lindisfarne National Nature Reserve to the north and the Humber Estuary to the south.
	Seaton Dunes and Common	Forms a part of 'Teesmouth Flats and Marshes'. It is an area of considerable importance for its flora, invertebrate fauna, and bird life. The range of habitats present include sandy, muddy and rocky foreshore, dunes, dune slacks and dune grassland, as well as relict saltmarsh, grazed freshwater marsh with dykes (known locally as fleets and stells) pools and seawalls.

	South Gare and Coatham sands	Forms a part of 'Teemouth Flats and Marshes'. It is of considerable interest for its flora, invertebrate fauna and birdlife. The range of habitats present includes extensive tracts of intertidal mud and sand, sand dunes, saltmarsh and freshwater marsh which have all developed since the construction of the South Gare breakwater with tipped slag during the 1860s. Also exposed at low tide are areas of rocky foreshore along the breakwater, three slag banks and Coatham Rocks.
	Redcar Rocks	Of national importance in the Geological Conservation Review. It represents the finest exposures of rock in the Lower Lias in the Yorkshire Basin. At low tide the rocks and sands provide an important feeding ground for several species of wading birds.

Local non-statutory sites		
Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) (11 sites)		3 examples of species-rich grassland; 3 examples of urban grassland; 2 wet flushes; 3 saltmarshes; 3 sites for great crested newt; 1 site supporting 3 or more species of native amphibians; 3 sites for a native reptile; 3 sites for water vole; 1 site for overwintering bird populations; 1 site holding high numbers of a key bird species/assemblage on a Tees Valley basis; 1 site supporting a key butterfly species; 1 site supporting a UK BAP Priority Vascular Plant Species
Local Geological Sites (LGS) (1 site)	Coatham Rocks	Wave washed platform of Redcar mudstone with small exposure of overlying Staithes sandstone exposed at low tide
Local Nature Reserves (LNR) (2 sites)	Cowpen Bewley Woodland Country Park	Reclaimed from former brickworks, landfill and ex-agricultural land there are now large variety of habitats and wildlife including grassland, a lake, a series of ponds and a beck.
	Seaton Dunes and Common	Seaton Dunes is one of the largest and diverse dune systems in north east England and Seaton Common is a low lying marsh habitat ideal for overwintering and migrant wildfowl.

Other non-statutory sites		
RSPB Reserves	Saltholme	Managed reserve and visitor centre
Important Bird Area (IBA)	Teemouth and Cleveland Coast	Passage of common redshank; winter population of red knot; breeding population of little tern; winter population water birds