

Kayaking with Wildlife



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Enjoy disturbance-free wildlife watching
from your kayak in Dorset



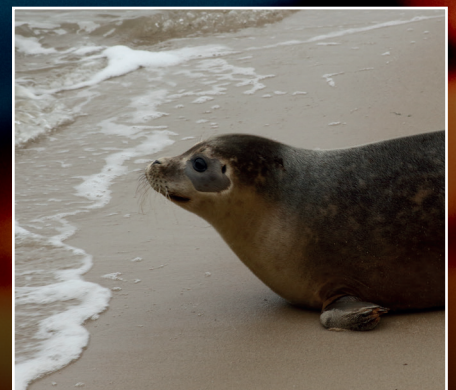
- Take your rubbish home
- Assess each encounter learn how your actions might disturb wildlife
- Use binoculars, not proximity, for close viewing
- Report marine sightings to Dorset Wildlife Trust



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How to avoid disturbance of sea-life

- Explore in small groups only
- Never split a mother and young
- With cetaceans, stay on course, help them predict your movements
- Move on after 10 minutes watching
- Let animals decide how close to be
- Always allow animal an escape route
- Do not approach marine mammals or rafting birds
- Do not land where large numbers of birds are gathered
- Avoid trampling seabed wildlife when beaching your vessel
- Keep at least 200m clear from seabird nesting sites/cliffs

What might happen if you disturb animals?

- Animals become distressed
- Animals become vulnerable to predators
- Young become disorientated and separated
- Nesting birds regurgitate food, dislodge eggs or desert eggs and chicks
- Vital feeding time is lost and precious energy wasted
- Seabed wildlife can be trampled
- Danger to the watcher from large, powerful animals



SICK, INJURED OR ENTANGLED ANIMALS

.Report live strandings of cetaceans and injured or entangled marine mammals to **British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR)** on **01825 765546 (24hrs)**

Report all other live injured or entangled animals to **RSPCA 08705 555999**

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