

The People and Nature Survey

What can it tell us about the role of nature during COVID-19?

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- Online Panel Survey-16 years+-
- Quotas to ensure representative of UK adult population-
- 25k year-Continuous sampling –account for seasonality etc

Results:

- Wildlife watching increased in May (23%) compared to April (16%) and is larger than the Monitor of Engagement with Natural Environment (MENE) average (4%).
- 74% of adults agreed that they are ‘taking more time to notice and engage with every day nature’. Only 8% disagreed.
- 85% adults agreed that they felt happy when in nature (with 46% strongly or completely agreeing). Only 3% disagreed.
- 40% reported that their child seems happier when they have spent time outside.
- The majority of adults who did not spend time outdoors in the last 14 days reported that their main reason was related to Government restrictions or staying at home to stop coronavirus spreading (70% in April & 63% in May).
- 11% of respondents cited poor physical health as a main reason for not visiting and 7% citing poor mental health or well-being.

- 16% percent stated that they would not be able to use the facilities they need in such spaces, such as public toilets or benches, due to current coronavirus restrictions.
- One in eight households (12%) in Great Britain had no access to a private or shared garden
- 37% of Black people have no access to outdoor space compared to 10% of White people
- 86% agreed that having access to a garden or allotment is important to them personally (with around 60% agreeing it is very important
- Only 4% stated it was not important to have access
- Those with lower incomes 4x more likely to have no access to outdoor space.