

Administrative Datasets Used for National Statistics: FC Recreation Facilities

Name of National Statistic and contact:	<p>Until 2012, the dataset contributed to statistics on Forestry Commission recreation facilities and activities in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forestry Statistics. <p>The recreation facilities data has been dropped from Forestry Statistics 2013, pending further investigation of an alternative data source.</p> <p>Contact: Sheila Ward, e-mail Sheila.ward@forestry.gsi.gov.uk, tel 0131 314 6475</p>
Name of contributing dataset and what it contributes:	<p>The FC recreation facilities dataset provided data on the number of recreation facilities and activities on Forestry Commission land. Information used in the production of Official Statistics were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location (England/ Scotland/ Wales) and • Type of facility/ activity.
Brief description of data and dataset:	<p>The FC recreation facilities dataset is a group of Domino/ Notes databases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The structure database holds generic and spatial information about Forestry Commission woods; • The recreation database holds information relating to recreation in these woods (e.g. facilities and activities available). <p>The database is owned by the GB recreation group and maintained by Communications Branch and Forest Districts. The FC recreation facilities dataset is a live system, with data extracted at a specific point in time.</p>

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<p>How the data is collected:</p>	<p>The databases hold information on all of the recreation facilities and activities that are available at each Forestry Commission site. Forest District (FD) staff enter information through a web-based input system at forest level (discontinuous forest cover or group of locally known woods), wood level and/ or access point level. Trails, activities and events can also be created and edited.</p>
<p>Original purpose of dataset and any other publications from the data:</p>	<p>The data are used to provide information to the public via the Forestry Commission's website on Forestry Commission forests, woods, access points, trails and events.</p>
<p>Security of the data – how it is managed:</p>	<p>Access to the web-based database is available to Communications Branch and to appropriate officers within Forest Districts throughout the year, for maintenance of the database and operational purposes.</p> <p>The data are held in accordance with the Forestry Commission's Information Services security guidelines and with Central Office Of Information (COI) guidelines.</p>
<p>Is supporting metadata available for this dataset?:</p>	<p>Some metadata are automated as part of the infrastructure, whilst others are devolved to Forest Districts (e.g. keywords).</p>
<p>How do we get access?:</p>	<p>There was an agreement with Communications Branch to provide an extract of the dataset annually (in August), in spreadsheet format.</p>
<p>Quality assurance:</p>	<p>The Statistics team ran validation checks on the extracted dataset to identify and exclude duplicate entries. In addition, the summary results were compared with the figures for previous years and any apparent inconsistencies investigated and, if necessary, queried.</p>