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Site details

Country	England
Unitary Authority	Essex, Outer London
Centroid*	TQ399959
Latitude	51.64416667
Longitude	0.0225
SAC EU code	UK0012720
Status	Designated Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
Area (ha)	1630.74

* This is the approximate central point of the SAC. In the case of large, linear or composite sites, this may not represent the location where a feature occurs within the SAC.

General site character

Inland water bodies (Standing water, Running water) (6%)
 Bogs, Marshes, Water fringed vegetation, Fens (0.2%)
 Heath, Scrub, Maquis and Garrigue, Phygrana (3.8%)
 Dry grassland, Steppes (20%)
 Broad-leaved deciduous woodland (70%)

[Natura 2000 standard data form](#) for this site as submitted to Europe (PDF, < 100kb).

[Interactive map](#) from MAGIC (Multi-Agency Geographic Information for the Countryside).



Location of Epping Forest SAC/SCI/cSAC

Note:

When undertaking an appropriate assessment of impacts at a site, all features of European importance (both primary and non-primary) need to be considered.

Annex I habitats that are a primary reason for selection of this site

9120 Atlantic acidophilous beech forests with Ilex and sometimes also Taxus in the shrublayer (Quercion robur-petraeae or Ilici-Fagenion)

Epping Forest represents **Atlantic acidophilous beech forests** in the north-eastern part of the habitat's UK range. Although the epiphytes at this site have declined, largely as a result of air pollution, it remains important for a range of rare species, including the moss *Zygodon forsteri*. The long history of pollarding, and resultant large number of veteran trees, ensures that the site is also rich in fungi and dead-wood invertebrates.

Annex I habitats present as a qualifying feature, but not a primary reason for selection of this site

4010 Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix

4030 European dry heaths

Annex II species that are a primary reason for selection of this site

1083 Stag beetle *Lucanus cervus*

Epping Forest is a large woodland area in which records of **stag beetle *Lucanus cervus*** are widespread and frequent; the site straddles the Essex and east London population centres. Epping Forest is a very important site for fauna associated with decaying timber, and supports many Red Data Book and Nationally Scarce invertebrate species.

Annex II species present as a qualifying feature, but not a primary reason for site selection

Not applicable.

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