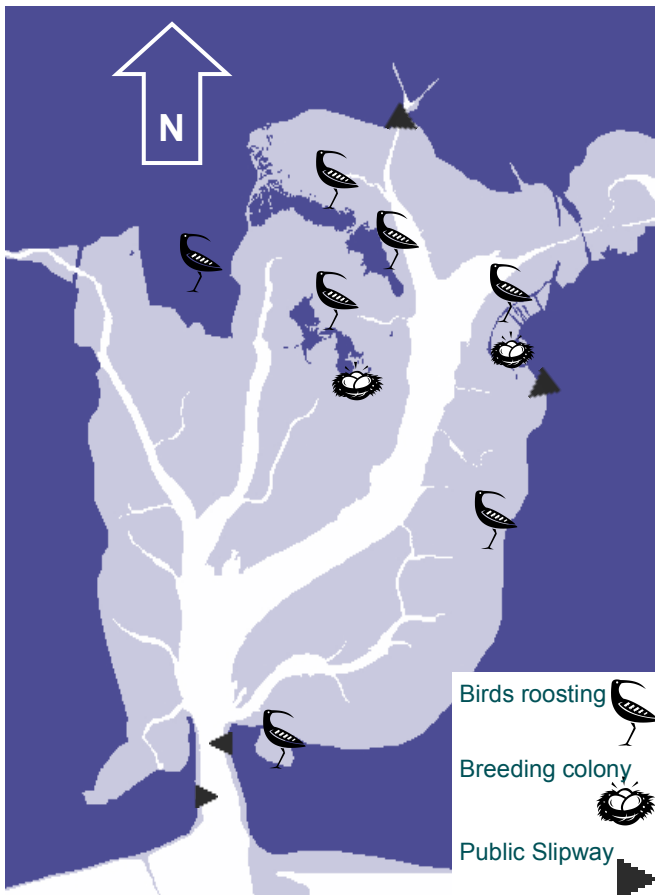
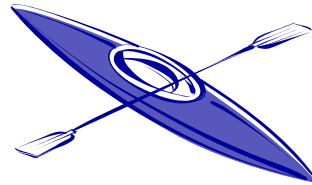





LANGSTONE HARBOUR BOARD

Kayaks and Canoes

PLAY SAFE!

Welcome to Langstone Harbour. By following our tips for harbour safety kayakers and canoeists can minimise the risks they face in the open waters of the harbour. Langstone Harbour is an area of international importance for nature conservation. By following the guidelines on this leaflet you can assist in protecting and enhancing the wildlife and habitats of Langstone Harbour, and avoiding disturbance.



- Birds roosting 
- Breeding colony 
- Public Slipway 

If you scare birds or other wildlife accidentally, move away immediately to allow them to return. Disturbing birds forces them to use vital energy, which they need to keep warm and find food.

Do not land in unauthorised areas, including the islands in the north of the harbour. This can damage fragile habitats and disturb wildlife.

You can learn more about Langstone Harbour's wildlife at :

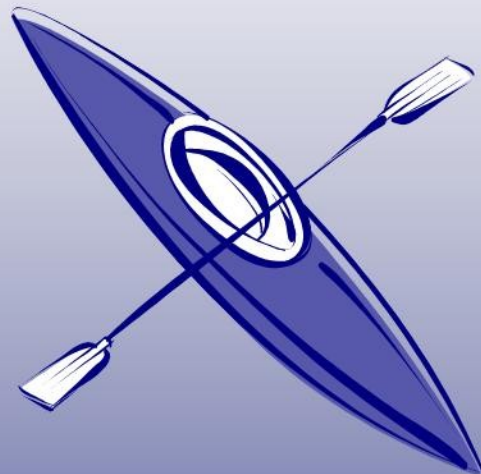
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Safety

- Check local weather conditions and tides
- Wear a suitable buoyancy aid and clothing
- Tell someone ashore when you will return
- Take a VHF radio or mobile phone
- Don't go afloat after drinking alcohol
- Take drinking water with you
- Check that your craft and equipment are well maintained
- Be aware of other harbour users
- Avoid kayaking alone

Environment

- Take all your rubbish home with you
- Avoid trampling the fragile seabed habitat when beaching your vessel
- Use binoculars, not proximity, for a close up view of wildlife



Canoes can be great for watching wildlife, as they make no sound, and produce no carbon emissions. However, their shallow draft makes it easy to get too close to birds and animals, causing disturbance. Do not approach any wild creature closer than 200m, and back away if you see any signs of disturbance. Use binoculars for a close up view but please do not land on the islands in the harbour.

If you require any further harbour information please contact the Langstone Harbour Office on 023 9246 3419

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