Geography— The South Downs National Park

Key Vocabulary

geology	The geology of an area is the structure of its land, together with the types of rocks and minerals that exist within it.
habitat	The habitat of an animal or plant is the natural environment in which it normally lives or grows.
industry	Industry is the work and processes involved in collecting raw materials, and making them into products in factories.
South Downs	The area of hills between Winchester and Eastbourne.
national park	A national park is a large area of land which is protected by the government because of its natural beauty, plants, or animals, and which the public can usually visit.
recreation	Recreation consists of things that you do in your spare time to relax.
topography	The topography of a particular area is its physical shape, including its hills, valleys, and rivers.

Key People

Hilaire Belloc 1870—1953



Hilaire Belloc lived in Slindon and Shipley and was an author and poet. Many of his works are based in the South Downs.

Alfred Lord Tennyson 1809-1892



Alfred, Lord Tennyson lived in Lurgashall, near Petworth and wrote many famous poems including the Charge of the Light Brigade. He was the Poet Laureate.

Eric Ravilious 1903-1942

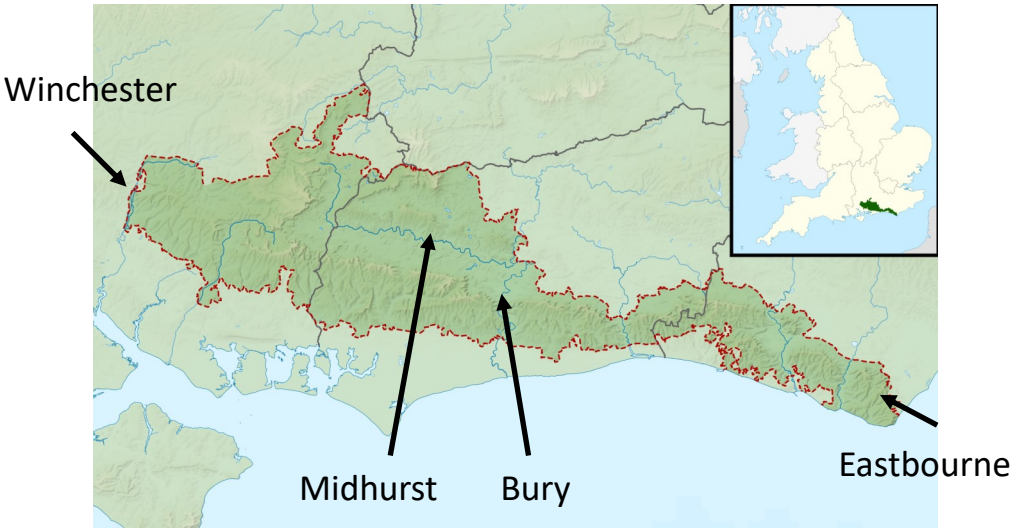


Eric Ravilious created many water-colours and woodcut prints of the South Downs and was a war artist. He was brought up near East-bourne.

Key Facts

- The South Downs National Park was created in 2010.
- The South Downs National Park covers 1,627km^2 and is 140 km from Winchester to Eastbourne. The South Downs Way is 161km long.
- The National Park is used for industry, leisure and recreation, natural pursuits like bird watching, sports and has many historic sites.
- There are seven main habitats in the National Park : woodland, rivers and wetlands, coasts, farms, chalk downland, grassland and heathland.
- The beautiful surroundings inspired many writers, poets artists and thinkers in the past and today including Hilaire Belloc, Eric Ravillious, Jane Austen, Alfred Lord Tennyson and Rudyard Kipling.

Map of the South Downs National Park



National Parks in the UK



1930 | 1940 | 1950 | 1960 | 1970 | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 | 2010 | 2020

1931
Trespass on Kinder Scout—campaign for national parks

1949
Government passes bill to 'preserve natural beauty and provide

1950s
First 10 national parks created

1988
The Broads National Park is created

2010
South Downs National Park created.

Tier 2 Vocabulary	
benefit	Something good that can happen as a result of something else.
culture	The ideas, customs, and social behaviour of a group of people.
diverse	A wide variety of things
establish	When something is set up or organised.
factor	One of the things that affects a decision or situation.
labour	Work or putting in effort to do something.
retain	To continue to have something or to remember something.