



NATURA 2000 - STANDARD DATA FORM

For Special Protection Areas (SPA),
Proposed Sites for Community Importance (pSCI),
Sites of Community Importance (SCI) and
for Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

SITE IE0000919
SITENAME Ridge Road, SW of Rapemills SAC

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1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

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| 1.1 Type B | 1.2 Site code IE0000919 | Back to top |
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1.3 Site name

Ridge Road, SW of Rapemills SAC

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| 1.4 First Compilation date 1995-08 | 1.5 Update date 2020-10 |
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1.6 Respondent:

Name/Organisation: National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
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| Date site proposed as SCI: | 1997-11 |
| Date site confirmed as SCI: | No data |
| Date site designated as SAC: | 2016-04 |
| National legal reference of SAC designation: | 179/2016 |

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

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Longitude
-7.95086709

Latitude
53.13441133

2.2 Area [ha]:
6.238984296

2.3 Marine area [%]
0.0

2.4 Sitelength [km]:
0.0

2.5 Administrative region code and name

| NUTS level 2 code | Region Name |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| IE01 | Border, Midland and Western |

2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

Atlantic (%)

3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

3.1 Habitat types present on the site and assessment for them

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| Annex I Habitat types | | | | | | Site assessment | | | |
|-----------------------|----|----|------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|--------|
| Code | PF | NP | Cover [ha] | Cave [number] | Data quality | A B C D | A B C | | |
| | | | | | | Representativity | Relative Surface | Conservation | Global |
| 6210 | X | | 6.57 | | M | B | C | B | B |

- **PF:** for the habitat types that can have a non-priority as well as a priority form (6210, 7130, 9430) enter "X" in the column PF to indicate the priority form.
- **NP:** in case that a habitat type no longer exists in the site enter: x (optional)
- **Cover:** decimal values can be entered
- **Caves:** for habitat types 8310, 8330 (caves) enter the number of caves if estimated surface is not available.
- **Data quality:** G = 'Good' (e.g. based on surveys); M = 'Moderate' (e.g. based on partial data with some extrapolation); P = 'Poor' (e.g. rough estimation)

3.2 Species referred to in Article 4 of Directive 2009/147/EC and listed in Annex II of Directive 92/43/EEC and site evaluation for them

| Species | | | | | Population in the site | | | | | Site assessment | | | | |
|---------|------|-----------------|---|----|------------------------|------|-----|------|------|-----------------|---------|-------|------|------|
| G | Code | Scientific Name | S | NP | T | Size | | Unit | Cat. | D.qual. | A B C D | A B C | | |
| | | | | | | Min | Max | | | | Pop. | Con. | Iso. | Glo. |

- **Group:** A = Amphibians, B = Birds, F = Fish, I = Invertebrates, M = Mammals, P = Plants, R = Reptiles
- **S:** in case that the data on species are sensitive and therefore have to be blocked for any public access enter: yes
- **NP:** in case that a species is no longer present in the site enter: x (optional)
- **Type:** p = permanent, r = reproducing, c = concentration, w = wintering (for plant and non-migratory species use permanent)
- **Unit:** i = individuals, p = pairs or other units according to the Standard list of population units and codes in accordance with Article 12 and 17 reporting (see [reference portal](#))
- **Abundance categories (Cat.):** C = common, R = rare, V = very rare, P = present - to fill if data are deficient (DD) or in addition to population size information
- **Data quality:** G = 'Good' (e.g. based on surveys); M = 'Moderate' (e.g. based on partial data with some extrapolation); P = 'Poor' (e.g. rough estimation); VP = 'Very poor' (use this category only, if not even a rough estimation of the population size can be made, in this case the fields for population size can remain empty, but the field "Abundance categories" has to be filled in)

3.3 Other important species of flora and fauna (optional)

| Species | | | | | Population in the site | | | Motivation | | | | | | |
|---------|------|------------------------------|---|----|------------------------|-----|------|------------|---------------|---|------------------|---|---|---|
| Group | CODE | Scientific Name | S | NP | Size | | Unit | Cat. | Species Annex | | Other categories | | | |
| | | | | | Min | Max | | C R V P | IV | V | A | B | C | D |
| P | | Orchis morio | | | 600 | | i | | | | X | | | |

- **Group:** A = Amphibians, B = Birds, F = Fish, Fu = Fungi, I = Invertebrates, L = Lichens, M = Mammals, P = Plants, R = Reptiles
- **CODE:** for Birds, Annex IV and V species the code as provided in the reference portal should be used in addition to the scientific name
- **S:** in case that the data on species are sensitive and therefore have to be blocked for any public access enter: yes
- **NP:** in case that a species is no longer present in the site enter: x (optional)
- **Unit:** i = individuals, p = pairs or other units according to the standard list of population units and codes in accordance with Article 12 and 17 reporting, (see [reference portal](#))
- **Cat.:** Abundance categories: C = common, R = rare, V = very rare, P = present
- **Motivation categories:** **IV, V:** Annex Species (Habitats Directive), **A:** National Red List data; **B:** Endemics; **C:** International Conventions; **D:** other reasons

4. SITE DESCRIPTION

4.1 General site character

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| Habitat class | % Cover |
|----------------------------|------------|
| N10 | 20.0 |
| N22 | 1.0 |
| N14 | 11.0 |
| N08 | 1.0 |
| N09 | 67.0 |
| Total Habitat Cover | 100 |

Other Site Characteristics

A relatively extensive unimproved grassland site situated on steep-sided twin esker ridge, formed from glacial gravels. The main vegetation type on the site is unimproved dry grassland in which several notable herb species are found. Open scrub and hazel scrub woodland is found in many parts of the site. The western end of the site has some improved grassland.

4.2 Quality and importance

The importance of this site lies in the unimproved, herb-rich esker grassland. As well as supporting vegetation communities in which several notable herb species are found the site also supports a large population of *Orchis morio*, a Red Data Book species. Sites such as this are becoming increasingly rare in Ireland, through grassland improvement or removal of the sites for gravel.

4.3 Threats, pressures and activities with impacts on the site

The most important impacts and activities with high effect on the site

| Negative Impacts | | | |
|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Rank | Threats and pressures [code] | Pollution (optional) [code] | inside/outside [i o b] |
| L | A04.01 | | i |
| H | A05.02 | | i |
| L | A04.03 | | i |
| H | A08 | | i |
| H | D01 | | i |
| M | K02.01 | | i |
| L | J01.01 | | i |
| H | A02.01 | | i |
| H | A07 | | i |

| Positive Impacts | | | |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Rank | Activities, management [code] | Pollution (optional) [code] | inside/outside [i o b] |
| M | A10.01 | | i |

Rank: H = high, M = medium, L = low

Pollution: N = Nitrogen input, P = Phosphor/Phosphate input, A = Acid input/acidification,

T = toxic inorganic chemicals, O = toxic organic chemicals, X = Mixed pollutions

i = inside, o = outside, b = both

4.5 Documentation

Fitzgerald, R. (1990-94). National Parks and Wildlife Service Protected And Threatened Flora Survey. Unpublished report to National Parks and Wildlife Service, Dublin. O Críodáin, C. (1992). Conservation Of Grassland Sites of Scientific Interest in Ireland. A Preliminary Report. National Parks and Wildlife Service, Dublin.

6. SITE MANAGEMENT

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6.2 Management Plan(s):

An actual management plan does exist:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | No, but in preparation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No |

7. MAP OF THE SITES

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INSPIRE ID:

IE.NPWS.PS.NATURA2000.SAC.IE0000919

Map delivered as PDF in electronic format (optional)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Yes No

Reference(s) to the original map used for the digitalisation of the electronic boundaries (optional).

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