A Special Place
'Different habitats for a variety of fauna and flora. A very special place of peace and calm so well managed in this day and age.'
The National Park’s special qualities

The New Forest National Park’s landscape is unique; it is a ‘living’ and working remnant of medieval England with an overwhelming sense of continuity, tradition and history. It is the survival of not just one special quality but a whole range of features that brings a sense of completeness and integrity.

‘... a place of tranquillity and beauty...’
Outstanding natural beauty:

the sights, sounds and smells of ancient woodland with veteran trees, heathland, bog, autumn colour and an unspoilt coastline with views of the Solent and the Isle of Wight.

...a variety of landscapes that delight the eye...
Extraordinary diversity of plants and animals of international importance.

The Open Forest is recognised as being one of the richest places for wildlife in Europe and one of the best wetlands in the world.
a. Brusher Mills’ memorial, Brockenhurst
b. Hurst Point lighthouse

- a. Unique historic, cultural and archaeological heritage from royal hunting ground to ship-building, salt-making and 500 years of military coastal defence.

- b. Why change something that is wonderful?

- c. Buckler’s Hard

- d. Calshot Castle entrance

- e. Sway Tower

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An historic commoning system that maintains so much of what people know and love as ‘the New Forest’ forming the heart of a working landscape based on farming and forestry.
The iconic New Forest pony together with donkeys, pigs and cattle roaming free.

a. Pony drinking, Balmer Lawn
b. Foal
c. Donkey and foal, Pilley
d. Mare and Foal, Wilverley Plain
e. Foal, Hatchet Moor
Tranquility in the midst of the busy, built-up south of England.

The peace and quiet so easily found.

a. Sky and beach, Calshot
b. Misty pines, Norley Inclosure
c. Early morning mist, Roundhill
Wonderful opportunities for quiet recreation, learning and discovery in one of the last extensive, gentle landscapes in the south including unmatched open access on foot and horseback.

a. Walking, Longslade Heath
b. Pony and traps, Anderwood
c. Horse riders, Burley
d. Transect heathland study
e. Cycling, Keyhaven
Healthy environment:

- a. Walking the Solent Way, Keyhaven
- b. Pumpkins and squashes, Exbury Gardens
- c. Patterns on water, Crockford Stream
- d. Oak leaves, Denny Wood

‘...a source of happiness, inspiration and mental rehabilitation...’
Strong and distinctive local communities with real pride in and sense of identity with their local area.

a. Village shop, Beaulieu
b. Beaulieu memorial and gatehouse
c. Picnic, Anderwood
d. Mailman’s Arms, Lyndhurst
e. War memorial, Burley