

**ENGLISH NATURE IS...** the body responsible for advising government on nature conservation in England. Its work includes notification of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and providing advice and disseminating knowledge about nature conservation. SSSIs may be of special interest for their wildlife value or for their geological interest.

### **ENGLISH NATURE SUPPORTS...**

the scientific exploration of caves and work to discover new caves. Without this work we would have no information of the extent of caves, nor understand as much as we do about how cave systems have developed. Trips down known cave systems are also invaluable in keeping us informed of the condition of cave systems and alerting us to problems.

**HOWEVER...** sometimes cave digging can inadvertently damage other features of special interest, for example spoil from digging might be dumped on rare plants, cover up geological exposures or sediments revealing valuable information on cave formation or archaeology of a site may be disturbed.

**CHECK OUT THE MAP...** This leaflet shows all the SSSIs in the White Peak.

**If you are digging caves on or near any of these sites, please contact English Nature to check that this will not affect any wildlife or geological features of interest, alternatively contact the DCA Conservation & Access Officer.**

You should also, of course, have the permission of the land owner before you start digging on their land.

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### **Cave Conservation Code**

- Cave with care and within your abilities.
- Keep to marked routes and do not cross conservation tapes and barriers.
- Protect cave wildlife and do not disturb bats.
- Do not pollute the cave and leave nothing behind.
- Archaeological remains should not be disturbed.
- Do not interfere with scientific equipment.
- Set a good example for others to follow.
- Avoid touching or damaging formations.
- Take nothing but photographs.
- Comply with access requirements.
- Respect the rights and privacy of land owners.
- Follow the NCA Minimum Impact Caving Code and Code of Ethics.

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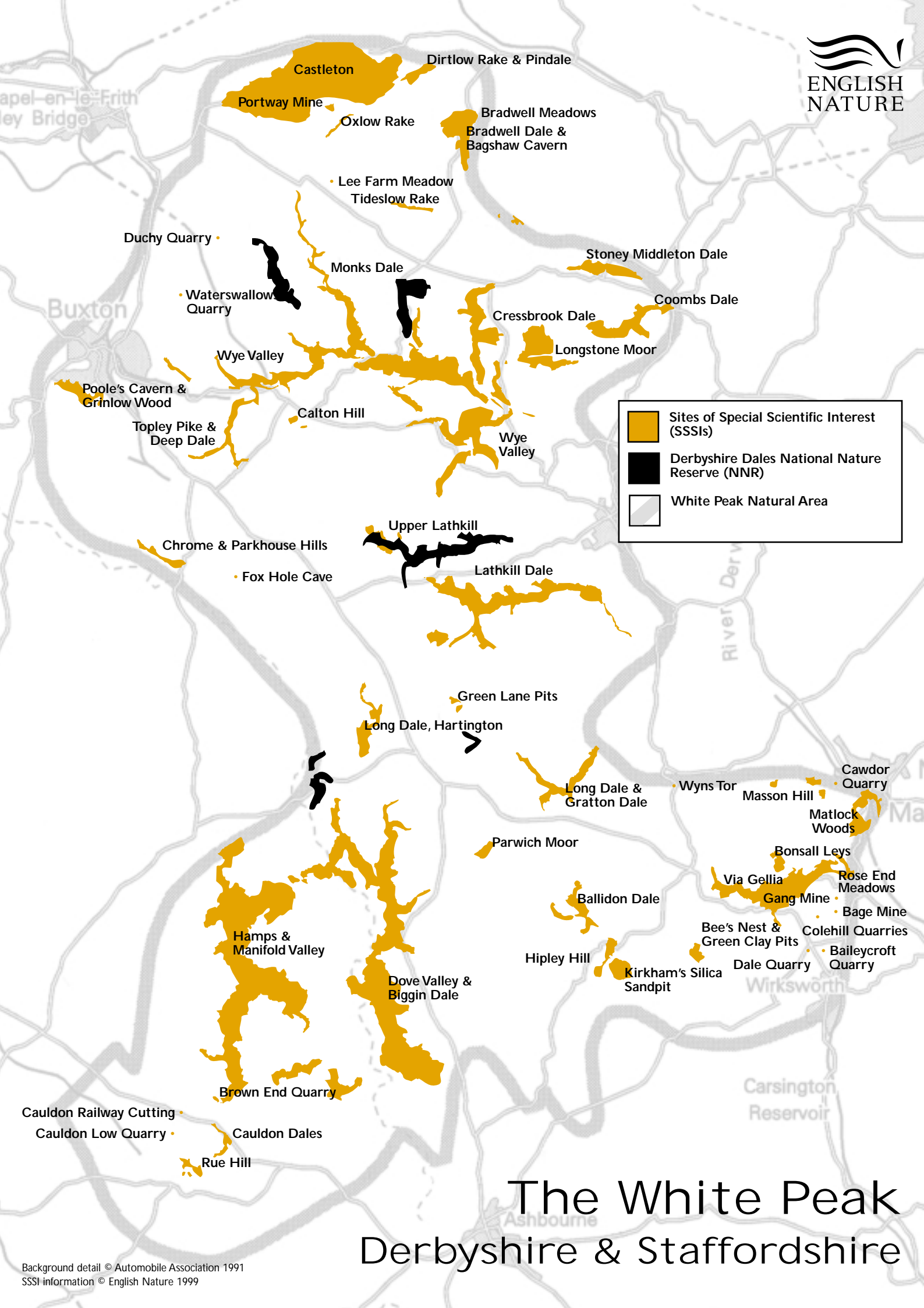
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# Do you dig caves? (...on SSSIs...)





	Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs)
	Derbyshire Dales National Nature Reserve (NNR)
	White Peak Natural Area

# The White Peak Derbyshire & Staffordshire