

Dymchurch

A designated bathing water where water quality is monitored from May to September by the Environment Agency

Latest Annual Classification: 2025



Poor bathing water quality

- ★ ★ ★ excellent
- ★ ★ good
- ★ sufficient
- poor



Advice against bathing

Water quality at Dymchurch

Bathing is advised against at this bathing water. Bathing water quality can be affected by a number of possible pollution sources. We are working to identify these potential sources of pollution.

This bathing water beach often has patches of seaweed (macroalgae) and the bathing water can be affected by occasional blooms of phytoplankton (microscopic algae) which are not harmful, but can result in the water appearing discoloured or as foam forming on the water.

A partnership group including the Environment Agency, Folkestone and Hythe District Council and Southern Water are working together to better understand the sources, which can affect bathing water quality and put measures in place to make improvements.

Pollution risk forecasts

The Environment Agency makes a daily pollution risk forecast at this site based on the effects of rain, tide, wind and seasonality on bathing water quality. These factors affect the levels of bacteria that get washed into the sea from livestock, sewage and urban drainage via rivers and streams and how they disperse. When short term pollution is likely a pollution risk warning is issued and a warning is displayed online. After a pollution risk warning, levels of bacteria usually return to normal after a day or so, but it's possible to have several warning days in a row. In 2025 24 pollution risk warnings were issued for this bathing water.

For more information

The full details for this bathing water, its catchment, information on all potential pollution sources and how they are managed can be viewed on the Environment Agency website:

<https://environment.data.gov.uk/bwq/profiles>

