

UK Atlantic Coast Route of Traditional Salt Making

The UK section of the 'Atlantic Route of Traditional Salt Making' has been developed under the leadership of a team based at Bournemouth University.

No traditional salt making sites still operate in the British Isles, but there are archaeological sites and historical evidence that tell the story of salt making from our prehistoric past to recent times. Many sites have great environmental and wildlife interest.

Our history of salt making has become lost, but is as fundamental to our industrial past and cultural heritage as the more well-known industrial processes and historic sites.

The ECOSAL project links together organisations and individuals who care for sites of traditional salt making or have an interest in salt making and its environmental and cultural legacy.



Bucket pot at Ballycastle, County Antrim, N Ireland.



Discover the varied links in museums, walking trails, bird and nature reserves, artists and gastronomy across the country.

This leaflet outlines the main sites but seek out the smaller sites scattered around our coast and new sites that emerge, as the ECOSAL network grows. Many of the sites are to be found in designated Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and in areas managed by environmental organisations such as the RSPB and Wildlife Trusts.

It is expected that the network will eventually incorporate sites on the coastline of the North Sea and Ireland.

Look out for the ECOSAL logo at participating sites

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The UK route of ECOSAL has been started in five Atlantic coast regions. Each area has a lead site which has signed up to promote the Route and to act as a network champion for their region. Sites have varied amounts of interpretation, but each is well known locally.

The Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) and National Parks, both UK landscape designations, are host to a large number of old salt making sites. Collectively they are providing interpretation and interest for the visitor.

