

National Park Management Plan outcome: Traffic, Travel and Accessibility

The Authority's contribution: Corporate Outcome C: Adverse environmental impacts of traffic on the special qualities of the National Park are minimised by ...

Action 1: Influencing decisions on transport infrastructure, land use development and traffic management to make them more sustainable (Priority level 1)

Our target for 2008/09 is to produce a National Park sustainable transport strategy and action plan, to enable us to better influence decisions.

During 2007/08 we

- Inputted to the A628 bypass Inquiry and further implemented the South Pennines Integrated Transport Strategy business plan
- Influenced the transport policies and strategies for Woodhead, Sheffield City Region and Leeds City Region
- Re-scheduled development of the Strategic Sustainable Transport Group due to other priorities

In 2008/09 we will ...

- Continue to provide input to the A628 Inquiry and any other significant infrastructure schemes in the Park
- Provide input to consultations on transport documents
- Draft, consult on and produce the National Park sustainable transport strategy

Action 2: Encouraging people to change their patterns of behaviour to adopt more sustainable ways of travelling (Priority level 2)

By the end of 2008/09 we will have made 13 improvements to rail and bus schemes for National Park users.

During 2007/08 we ...

- Developed an action plan to 2010 for promoting sustainable transport across the greater Peak District area as part of the Peak Connections partnership

In 2008/09 we will ...

- Work with transport partners to improve and promote rail and bus use more effectively
- Continue to develop the Authority's sustainability through appropriate management of our transport fleet and our transport and subsistence policy, delivering year on year reductions in carbon dioxide emissions

National Park Management Plan outcome: Recreation

The Authority's contribution: Corporate Outcome D: People feel welcome in the National Park and have the opportunity to participate in recreational activities that enhance the quality of their lives by ...

***Action 1:** Providing recreational opportunities to key audiences particularly to children, young people and under-represented groups from within the Park and from surrounding urban areas (Priority level 2)*

During 2007/08 almost 35,000 people used our Cycle Hire Service and participated in our guided walks. In 2008/09 we will focus on usage of these facilities by key audiences in the Working with People and Communities Strategy and set targets for future years.

During 2007/08 we

- Promoted our recreational opportunities and awareness of the National Park through improved signage and information in all three Cycle Hire centres
- Provided 288 guided walks and events for 2,587 participants, 90% of which were accessible by public transport
- Continued to deliver the themes of the Health Concordat on Outdoor Recreation by running a programme of intensively supported specialist guided walks aimed at people with health problems, groups with special needs, groups with visual impairment and others, in partnership with Local Health Service providers and Trusts
- Raised awareness and established a network of contacts through facilitated visits in partnership with the Mosaic partnership targeting community champions within black, minority, ethnic groups in urban areas surrounding the National Park

In 2008/09 we will ...

- Develop a visitor action plan to raise awareness of the opportunities available through the National Park recreational services focused on priority target audiences
- Provide guided walks and events for at least 2,500 participants, particularly aimed at our key target audiences
- Continue the programme of walks and introduce a series of 15 lesser supported walks which are a progression from the health related walks to the mainstream walks programme
- Work with partners and community groups from urban areas and under-represented groups to offer a quality experience in the National Park and to encourage future visits with little or no facilitation

Action 2: Providing a network of statutory and permissive routes, access to open country and other relevant opportunities (Priority level 3)

Every year, our target is to have 95% of the network easy to use by the public. In 2007/08 we were very close to achieving this target (94%).

During 2007/08 we ...

- Undertook more than £70,000 of rights of way improvements (e.g. signage, bridges and replacing stiles with gates to improve accessibility) such that 94% of the network is open, signed and in good condition
- Developed and began to implement the Authority's policy and strategy for the positive management of recreational vehicular access (4X4 vehicles and motorbikes) in the National Park

In 2008/09 we will ...

- Maintain and improve the quality of the rights of way and access network, in partnership with the Highway Authorities to deliver further works to a value in excess of £70,000
- Manage recreational off road vehicular activity, in partnership with the Highway Authority through action plans on priority routes

Action 3: Influencing partners and land managers to improve appropriate accessibility and opportunities for recreation (Priority level 3)

The focus of our future activity in this area will be determined by a revised recreation strategy and action plan, due to be completed during 2008/09.

During 2007/08 we ...

- Improved access for cyclists and disabled people through a bridleway upgrade around Howden and Derwent, completed an upgrade of the Trails Triangle and provided battery-powered scooters at Fairholmes
- Worked with United Utilities to develop a family walks area at Fairholmes in the upper Derwent and supported the maintenance and marketing of the Trans-Pennine Trail
- Produced leaflets to promote recreational opportunities close to Macclesfield at Teggs Nose, Macclesfield Forest and Wildboardclough

In 2008/09 we will ...

- Complete, in consultation with partners, a recreation strategy and action plan for the National Park with recommendations on developing and managing sustainable recreation
- Work with water companies and the National Trust to provide new and enhanced recreational opportunities, including a programme of access works on their own land, for example in the Derwent Valley
- Work with Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council to deliver, through the Peak District Northern Gateways initiative, improved recreation opportunities on routes both inside the National Park and others where the landscapes of the Park are a key element of the recreational experience

Financial Summary - Recreation Management				
£,000	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
Direct revenue expenditure	679	603	587	
Depreciation	144	150	160	
Employee costs	1,098	1,147	1,199	
Recharged support costs	242	250	255	
Total Gross Expenditure	2,163	2,150	2,201	
Income: Sales Fees and Charges	(688)	(700)	(722)	
Income: Other external funding	(258)	(200)	(185)	
Net Expenditure	1,217	1,250	1,294	

Financial Summary – Rangers, Estates and Volunteers				
£,000	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
Direct revenue expenditure	127	94	55	
Depreciation	15	16	18	
Employee costs	541	525	527	
Recharged support costs	112	115	130	
Total Gross Expenditure	795	750	730	
Income: Sales Fees and Charges	(9)	(8)	(10)	
Income: Other external funding	(65)	(50)	(55)	
Net Expenditure	721	692	665	

Financial Summary - Traffic and Transport				
£,000	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
Direct revenue expenditure	286	158	130	
Depreciation	0	0	0	
Employee costs	182	127	133	
Recharged support costs	33	35	37	
Total Gross Expenditure	501	320	300	
Income: Sales Fees and Charges	(19)	(15)	(10)	
Income: Other external funding	(295)	(175)	(135)	
Net Expenditure	187	130	155	