
Peak District National Park Illegal Use Action Plan 2021/22

Recording Use

Vehicle logging

Vehicle use is monitored using electrical vehicle loggers on Traffic Regulation Order routes, where the legal status has recently been resolved, as prioritised on an area basis, or in response to reports received over sustained illegal use.

Aim: to target and prioritise action.

Action 2021/22

- 1) Vehicle logging on TRO routes and other illegal use routes.
- 2) Vehicle logging as part of an area-based focus at Bradwell Moor.

Reporting illegal use

The police take action in response to the reports they receive from the Authority, landowners and the public.

Aim: to target and prioritise action.

Action 2021/22

- 1) Field-based staff to report incidents of illegal use to the police.
- 2) Website updates to improve the reporting of illegal use, in liaison with the police.

Enforcement

Erecting & maintaining signage

Signage is required to clarify the legal status of routes, to support the making of Traffic Regulation Orders, and to prevent harm.

Aim: to prevent illegal use and harm.

Action 2021/22

- 1) To erect and maintain signage on TRO routes made by the Authority.
- 2) To identify routes where there is a need for replacement signage.
- 3) To identify locations where additional signage is required.

Police action

Areas of focus for police operations include TRO routes, routes and areas where there are repeated or increasing illegal use, or where there are designations and harm could or is resulting from motorised vehicle use.

Aim: to prevent illegal use and harm.

Action 2021/22

- 1) To continue to identify areas of focus for police activity on an evidential basis.
- 2) To support police operations, as required, through information, signage or presence.

Managing Use

Preventing use & remediation

Detailed schemes of action may be identified and undertaken in conjunction with landowners, the Highway Authorities, Natural England, or Historic England, if driving or riding is taking place on or off-road and results in harm to acknowledged interests. The Keep on Track work will also protect verges for their conservation interest.

Aim: to prevent harm and restore the environment and amenities of the locality.

Action 2021/22

- 1) Adopt a partnership approach for inputs into schemes for prevention and reinstatement.
- 2) Support and contribute to work undertaken for the management of motorised vehicles.
- 3) Provide advice on impacts on acknowledged interests or accessibility.
- 4) Facilitate the involvement of the Peak District Local Access Forum and volunteers.

Accessibility Improvements

Where barriers to accessibility are removed, there is the potential for this to open up an area to use by motorised vehicles.

Aim: to balance accessibility with potential for harm occurring.

Action 2021/22

- 1) Vehicle logging to monitor and assess any resulting illegal use.
- 2) Consideration of alternative measures, as required.