

Peak District Local Access Forum

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Title: Access Update

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Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on issues related to access in the Peak District.

Access Funding

A [report](#) on the support for improving access infrastructure in the National Park was taken to the September Authority meeting. An update on our work on accessibility will be provided to the December Forum meeting.

Fire Directions

In July 2022, the fire risk was exceptional which activated fire directions temporarily closing Access Land across the National Park for a number of days.

Details of all restrictions can be found on [Natural England's website](#). Annual restrictions are reported at www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/crowrestrictions.

Upper Derwent

A section of the route along the western edge of the Derwent and Howden reservoirs is temporarily closed for 3 months to allow for tree felling for larch disease control. During that time, public access along the road, on public rights of way in the areas affected, and for access to and from adjacent Access Land will not be available for safety reasons.

A map is attached in Appendix 1 showing the extent of the works, closures, and alternatives. The [Visitor Centre](#) and [Cycle Hire](#) remain open and the [Miles without Stiles route](#) is unaffected.

More information on Severn Trent's [website](#).

Recommendation

- 1. That the report is noted.**

Appendix 1

