

Appendix 1 – Access for All Funding 2025/26

What is involved?

Defra's Access for All Programme provides funding to the Peak District National Park to make it more accessible for people of all ages, abilities and needs, to help bring the benefits of spending time in nature to everyone.

In 2025/26, capital funding of £255.9k for improvements to infrastructure and information was provided. The funding is for assets created or acquired, not maintenance.

Why is it important?

The funding provides the financial support to allow focus on the development of accessibility hubs and accessible routes. This provides the places, facilities, equipment, and information needed to build confidence in accessing the special qualities and amazing experiences of the Peak District National Park.

Who is involved in delivery?

The project lead is the Access and Rights of Way Officer. The project team involves Property, Trails, Cycle-hire, Countryside Maintenance and Projects Team, and Rangers. It includes inputs from Peak Park Conservation Volunteers, and IT.

What's been delivered in 2025/26?

- A Changing Place and proposed Miles without Stiles route at Trentabank
- A proposed new Miles without Stiles and tramper route at Derwent Dam
- Accessibility improvements for enjoying nature at Torside and Minninglow
- Accessible gates and bus stop improvements
- An accessible woodland and outdoor classroom at Brunts Barn
- Fast charging e-bikes, e-trikes, wheelchair bikes, and an e-mountain trike
- A e-cargo bike and e-bikes for trails and ranger volunteers

How has the funding been supported?

The Peak District Foundation has provided funding of £4k for maintenance work to complement the capital works delivered under this programme at Surprise View and Conksbury. Peak Park Conservation Volunteers and Ranger volunteers have supported this work.

What's next

Defra have indicated the availability of further funding for 2026/27 and beyond. A separate report in relation to this will be provided, along with the 2025/26 project breakdown.

An active travel plan has been produced for a high-level network of routes for walking, wheeling, cycling, and horse-riding in the National Park linking with future improvements for accessibility and access to nature. This funding can help develop the infrastructure

More Miles

Proposed Miles without Stiles and tramper route at Derwent Dam – Phase 1
Cost £15.2k, 25 volunteer days



More Places

Accessible Woodland at Brunts Barn – Cost £15.8k, 17 PPCV days



More Mobility

New e-bikes and inclusive cycles, and equipment for volunteers – Cost £107.2k

