



Tourists are actively encouraged to visit the UK's National Parks. During their visits there are many activities to do including activities to appreciate the beauty, to experience the cultural heritage, to learn about the parks and to appreciate the 'breathing space.'
The parks are looked after by National Park Rangers.



Who are Britain's National Parks for?

Vocabulary

National Park - an area of countryside protected for the enjoyment of the general public

cultural heritage – traditions, artefacts and buildings of value which have been passed down from previous generations.

tourist – a person who is visiting a place for pleasure.

protected – kept safe from harm

landscape - the visible features of an area of land

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – is an area of countryside in England, Wales or Northern Ireland which has been designated for conservation due to its significant landscape value.

World Heritage Site- is a landmark or area which is chosen by the United Nations as having cultural, historical, scientific or other form of significance.

Site of Special Scientific Interest – a protected area in the UK.



Fact File

There are 15 National Parks in the United Kingdom. The Peak District was the UK's very first National Park.

National Parks are the country's 'breathing spaces', they are areas of great unspoilt beauty and some of the most wild and remote places in the United Kingdom with lots of open space. By conserving them, we protect the open countryside as the population increases.

They are important because they tell us about the unique ways of life that have developed in places throughout history and are still developing. The National Parks are home to distinctive places, buildings, customs, events, beliefs, traditions and lifestyles that are unique to that place. This is their 'cultural heritage'.

People from all over the country (and indeed the world) are actively encouraged to visit and enjoy Britain's National Parks.

Every year over 100 million people visit at least one of the United Kingdom's National Parks!

You can find out lots more about your local National Park at www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/

