Accessible Peak District Annual Report 2017



Introduction

We want everyone to feel inspired to discover and enjoy what the Peak District National Park has to offer.

We are working together with many groups and organisations to make more access available for more people. This is our second report which shows the work we have done this year to improve accessibility for a more Accessible National Park.

Accessibility Training

There are no barriers to our enthusiasm for accessing the National Park and in 2017 we completed further training for volunteers and cycle hire, on auditing accessible routes, on understanding access needs, and for supporting visitors.

Whoever you meet, whether at one of our <u>Visitor Centres</u> or <u>Cycle Hire Centres</u>, out in the field or on a <u>Ranger-led walk</u>, a <u>family activity</u> or <u>education visit</u>, or with <u>Peak Park Conservation</u> <u>Volunteers</u> or when you email or phone us, we'll provide a warm welcome.

The accessibility training has also been part of our work to deliver Miles without Stiles routes - our promoted brand of accessible places

Accessible Places

Miles without Stiles

We have been encouraged with our work on accessible routes with a donation from Yorkshire Water which as well as providing accessibility training is allowing for the routes to be mapped and handbooks to be made available. We will be formally launching these in Spring 2018. You can read more about Miles without Stiles in the Autumn/Winter Parklife or available at Visitor Centres.

Visitor Centres

The Authority's <u>Visitor Centres</u> help to provide the information and advice you need to enjoy the National Park. Castleton Visitor Centre underwent a major refurbishment in 2017 which has resulted in improved services and space for accessibility needs. Read more in the Autumn/Winter Parklife.

Cycle Hire

The Authority's <u>Cycle Hire Centres</u> provide a range of inclusive cycling opportunities which we continue to expand. A new tandem was acquired at Parsley Hay in 2017 and in 2018 we will be opening up cycle hire at Hulme End on the Manifold Trail. The Manifold Trail will also feature as one of our Miles without Stiles routes.