

Land Managers Forum

Update paper 1 - Nature Recovery Plan

What is the Nature Recovery Plan?

The Peak District Nature Recovery Plan is a partnership blueprint that sets out what we need to do to help wildlife recover in the coming decades in the Peak District, and how we will work together to deliver on those ambitions.

The Plan has 42 aims, grouped by ten ‘themes’.

Trees	More woodland, trees and scrub
	Trees and woodland managed for the future
	Plantation ancient woodlands restored
	Productive forestry supporting nature recovery
Moorland	All blanket bog restored
	Structurally diverse upland mosaics
	More trees and scrub
Farmland	Nature-friendly farming producing food and wildlife
	Species-rich grasslands protected and restored
	A network of ponds for wildlife
	Farm buildings incorporating features for wildlife
Water	Water taking it's natural course
	Natural flood management benefitting nature
	Barriers to fish passage removed or mitigated
	Waters free of invasive non-native species
	Clean water
Wilder landscapes	Working in partnership at scale
	Natural processes restored
	Wilder landscapes shaped by free ranging grazing animals
	Species reintroductions to support natural processes

Economics	Sustainable farm businesses delivering nature
	Locally-tailored, flexible support schemes
	Private finance funding nature recovery
	Nature tourism opportunities
Advice	Access to local, trusted advice for land manager
	A coordinated Adviser network and approach to funding
	Easily accessible and understandable guidance
	Support and advice to enable collaboration
Development	Biodiversity Net Gain
	Supporting nature recovery through the Local Plan
	Quarries supporting nature during and after extraction
People	Access and recreation respects nature
	Public authorities delivering nature recovery
	Nature recovery integrated into local businesses
	Local communities taking action for nature recovery
	Everyone can do something
Beyond the Peak	Wildlife corridors from city to peak
	Benefits flowing beyond the boundary
	Protected Landscapes working together for nature

How does it relate to other plans and strategies?

Producing and enacting the Peak District Nature Recovery Plan is a key part of the National Park Management Plan. It sits alongside the Landscape Strategy, Wooded Landscapes Plan and Local Plan.

The Environment Act mandates that each county should have a Local Nature Recovery Strategy. This will mean the Peak District will be covered by six Strategies. To help guide conservation action, we need **one plan for the place**. The Peak District National Park Authority, as a Supporting Authority, is using the Nature Recovery Plan to help inform Local Nature Recovery Strategies, and vice versa.

The Nature Recovery Plan will also help to show how the Peak District is part of the national Nature Recovery Network by contributing to targets in the 2023 Environmental Improvement Plan and 30 by 30. The Nature Recovery Plan has already been used to add support to funding bids.

How the Plan has been produced

The themes and aims have been developed by taking the learnings from the farmer, land manager and owner workshops that were carried out as part of the first Environmental Land Management Test (2019-2021), which engaged over 100 people, the work of the Land Managers' Forum in December 2022, and four farmer, land manager and owner workshops that were carried out specifically to inform the Plan.

A Steering Group sits in the background to guide the structure and provide additional input.

The draft Plan has been written to try and address the challenges those trying to deliver nature recovery on the ground have told us they face. This is why the structure is not typical of a Plan of this type, and includes themes such as economics and advice.

A delivery section and annual report will sit alongside the Plan, so we can monitor how we are doing against the aims. There are no specific targets in the Plan, to allow us to be as flexible as possible within a rapidly changing policy and climate world. We will review and update the Plan as needed to reflect this.

Next steps

Once the Plan has reached final draft stage, it will be circulated to the Steering Group for final review, and will seek National Park Authority approval.

The Plan will go 'live' from 1 January 2024. However, the Plan will continue to develop and evolve alongside the creation of Local Nature Recovery Strategies, new policies and land management techniques, and delivery mechanisms. In particular, we would like to develop a suite of case studies.

