

Peak District National Park Illegal Use Action Plan 2019/20

Recording Use

Vehicle logging

We monitor vehicle use using electrical vehicle loggers. We focus illegal vehicle logging on TRO routes and on routes where the legal status has recently been resolved. During 2019/20 we will be monitoring all seven TRO routes (includes Wetton Hills), Brushfield, Pretty Wood and any other routes where we are aware of continuing illegal use or concerns over illegal use.

Register of reports received

Reports of illegal use are received from field-based staff, landowners, the police and the public. For action to be taken by the police, reports should be made directly to the police. During 2019/20, we will continue to record and co-ordinate reports of illegal use.

Enforcement

Priorities for police action

The routes where we have made traffic regulation orders are a focus for police operations. Other areas of focus include those where there are repeated or increasing use or where there are designations on the land and harm could result from motorised vehicle use. During 2019/20, we will be asking the police to enforce the six routes where TROs have been made.

Supporting police operations

The vehicle logging that we carry out enables us to build up patterns of use which we pass on to the police to target operations. We also monitor routes and liaise with landowners as an increased presence can help deter use. At the request of the police, we may provide signage and support them during their advisory days.

Signage

Erecting & maintaining signage

We erect and maintain signage for the routes where we have made TROs. We also support the Highway Authorities in erecting and monitoring signage to clarify the legal status. During 2019/20, we will be monitoring TRO signage and at any of the other routes upon request and in the course of our day to day work.

Managing Use

Preventing use & remediation

Detailed schemes of action may be identified in conjunction with landowners, and others including Natural England and the Highway Authority if driving or riding is taking place on a public right of way where vehicular rights do not exist. Schemes may include the erection of physical barriers and repairs. We also liaise with local vehicle user groups and the Peak District Local Access Forum.