



National Parks England – what are we calling for?

1. **National Parks should be at the forefront of delivering the target to protect 30% of land for nature by 2030.**

Our offer

- National Parks are our **natural ‘Gold Reserves’** representing 10 % of our land and 17% of protected sites
- A **track record of delivering** landscape scale conservation programmes harnessing communities, farmers and other stakeholders as partners
- We can deliver a further **120,000 ha of nature rich areas** primed for nature recovery by 2030, a significant contribution to the 30 by 30 target

What are we calling for?

- A **reversal of the budget cuts** to National Parks over the past decade with an immediate 40% increase in NPA funding to return NPAs back to where they were in 2010.
- A **targeted, bespoke ELM scheme** based on local advice and facilitation, harnessing the expertise of land managers to deliver public benefits and high-quality food and fibre
- **Legislation** that commits all public bodies working in National Parks to further our statutory purposes and contribute to delivering Management Plans
- The transfer of responsibility for publicly owned NNRs to National Park Authorities with a budget to seriously kick start nature recovery.

2. **National Parks were designated for the nation – all people have a right to access them for nature, enjoyment, physical and mental health and well-being.**

Our offer

- Over 90 million people visit National Parks every year contributing £6 billion to the economy
- We help **100,000 children** every year get close to nature
- Every £1 of government funding to National Park Authorities provides £5.70 in public health benefits.

What are we calling for?

- **Improved access to our national network of Protected Landscapes** so more people can benefit from them. Significant investment in sustainable transport, active travel, disabled access and visitor infrastructure in National Parks.
- **Two new National Parks** and a strengthened role and funding for AONBs.
- An opportunity for every primary school child to be a **ranger for the day** in a National Park.
- Early introduction of the **Natural History GCSE**.
- 1% of the NHS budget spent on anti-depressants transferred to National Parks to fund a trial of **green social prescribing**.
- Significant investment in green and countryside jobs starting with a scheme to provide opportunities for **100 new ranger apprentices in National Parks**.



A Renewed commitment

75 years ago, National Parks were designated to conserve our most treasured landscapes, wildlife and cultural heritage for the benefit of the nation. We urge Government to renew its commitment to National Parks and the pivotal role they play for nature, climate and people. National Park Authorities have the skills, experience, local trust and networks to bring about transformational change.