



## **The Strategy for England's National Nature Reserves**

This Strategy sets the direction and ambition for England's National Nature Reserves (NNRs). It has been developed by Natural England working in partnership with other NNR managing organisations.

NNR declaration secures nationally important sites for nature and nature recovery, environmental science and people, managed to high standards. The Strategy provides a framework for all those involved to increase the contribution of NNRs to 21<sup>st</sup> century conservation, within and beyond their boundaries.

### **The Vision for NNRs in England**

England's National Nature Reserves are the most important places for nature. We manage them in an exemplary way. They inspire people, promote learning and encourage actions in the wider landscape.

### **Working in Partnership**

England's NNRs are managed by Natural England and a range of other organisations (Approved Bodies). We work in a spirit of partnership to develop the NNR network with joint goals and actions. Our collective expertise drives the contribution of NNRs to nature conservation, nature recovery, science and people.

### **Strategic Priorities for England's National Nature Reserves**

NNRs will be at the core of nature recovery and their abundant wildlife will brim over to enrich surrounding areas. Extensive and joined up NNRs will help restore ecological function and resilience.

NNRs will provide for high quality research and monitoring contributing to land-based and social environmental science, demonstrating innovation and best practice, and inspiring learning. NNR managing organisations will collaborate to optimise the effectiveness and the outcomes of scientific effort.

NNRs provide places for people to connect with nature through access, responsible

recreation, discovery and participation. Our partnership work will increase the range and

variety of engagement opportunities and will welcome new audiences across the NNR series.

New and extended NNRs will be declared to galvanise landscape-scale nature recovery and ambitious science and engagement programmes, secured for the long term.

NNR owners and managers will develop place-based partnerships and increasingly collaborate to secure outcomes for individual NNRs and across the NNR series. The range of partners and Approved Bodies will be broadened.

## **Resourcing**

All NNR managing bodies invest in their reserves and will continue to do so. They are underpinned by a mix of public, charitable and private funding. We will work together to find additional sources of funding that broaden the resource base and improve its resilience.

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