

Active in the outdoors

a recreation strategy and action plan
for the Peak District
National Park

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What I will cover

- The Peak District recreation strategy
- Pedal Peak District update
- How you can help

The National Park's purpose

- **conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the Peak District**
- **to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the Peak District's special qualities**
- **foster the economic and social well-being of the local communities**

Active in the outdoors

- 10 year plan
- Reviews existing provision
- Identifies gaps
- Consider the priority actions



Six key themes

- Healthy lifestyles
- Widening participation
- Climate change and sustainability
- Raising awareness and understanding
- Partnership working
- Community participation, including volunteering

Pedal Peak District

- Linking the existing trails into a complete circular route between Matlock and Buxton
- Bakewell to Topley Pike opens in May creating a spectacular leisure experience for visitors and local people
- Increase connectivity to gateway towns and transport hubs enabling access into the National Park in a practical and sustainable way



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Rediscovering cycling is fun!



Partnership and Funding

- National Park Authority lead partner
- Cycling England provided the capital and revenue elements of Phase 1 from Bakewell to Buxton which will be completed by May 2011
- Further phases of Bakewell to Matlock and Buxton to the High Peak Trail need additional external funding
- Partnership delivery



Recent achievements

- Lighting now completed
- Tunnels repaired
- Over 2000 people signed up to pedal peak district web site
- A full programme of cycling activities and events delivered reaching 3000 people



Light at the end of the tunnel

- Resurfacing of the tunnels and areas in-between
- Improved signage and access and bike racks
- Interpretation along the trail
- Final report and case studies to be disseminated
- Securing funding to sustain the programme
- Opening during May



What's worked well

- Events programme
- Cycle training and bike maintenance
- Use of video and new media
- Bike prizes and free bikes



What's next?

- Free adult and family training until mid April through Pedal Ready
- Circular mapped routes
- Electric bike hire scheme
- Cyclists' Welcome scheme



How you can help

- Networking and working with us
- Encourage development of green recreational products
- Increase range of opportunities
- A coordinated approach delivers maximum benefit

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