



**What are the Peak District  
National Park's Special Qualities?**

# What are National Parks?

**National Parks are special places we want to protect for:**

Nature, Wildlife and History



People to enjoy and learn from



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**Do you think one purpose is more important than the other?**

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- There are 15 National Parks in Great Britain. The Peak District was the first in 1951.

**Have you heard of, or visited any others?**





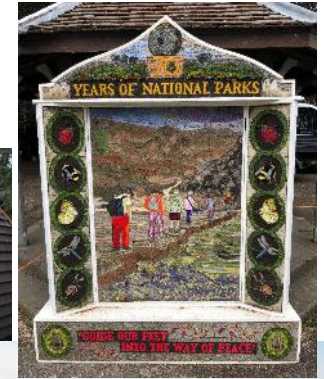
# National Park Special Qualities

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Each National Park has a set of Special Qualities – Things that are special in that National Park.

**We have recognised 7 key special qualities about the Peak District**



**Special  
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**Beautiful  
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landscapes**

# 1. Beautiful Views of Dramatic Landscapes

The Peak District is full of beautiful places which have been shaped over millions of years by rivers, humans and the movement of rocks.





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There are two parts of the Peak District known as the Dark Peak and the White Peak.

**Can you guess which each picture shows?**



**In Pairs: Tell each other if you've ever seen a really nice view.  
How did you feel?**



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## 2. Important Wildlife and Habitats

The Peak District contains a special habitat called Peat Bog:

- It is one of the most important habitats in the world
- It's home to lots of rare and unusual animals.
- It even helps us fight climate change!



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The Peak District is the only place in England that you can find the Mountain Hare!



**Do you think these two pictures are of the same animal?**



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# 3. Peaceful places that millions of people can visit

- In the 1900s, cities and towns were dirty from factory air and people didn't have access to green spaces.
- In 1932 people protested in the Peak District as they felt they should be allowed to walk freely across it.



Left: Photo of the 'Mass Trespass' protest on Kinder Scout



Right: Photo of Manchester in the 1900s

### 3. Peaceful places that millions of people can visit

- Now that the Peak District National Park exists, people are free to access it whenever they want!
- There are lots of quiet places to escape the busy cities and towns



**Listen to (and/or watch) 30 seconds of each of these videos. How does each of them make you feel? Do you notice any differences?**

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## 4. A countryside that has been visibly shaped by a human history

The Peak District has been shaped by people for thousands of years. You can see this in the villages, walls, stone circles and fields.

**What human activities do these images show?**





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The first farm in the Peak District was 6,000 years ago. 84% of the Peak District is now farming land.



You can still find millstones around the Peak District left over from when they were manufactured here.

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## 5. Villages and towns special to the Peak District with local traditions

- The Peak District is full of traditions that villages have been doing for many (even hundreds of) years
- These traditions attract tourists to the Peak District making money for local businesses

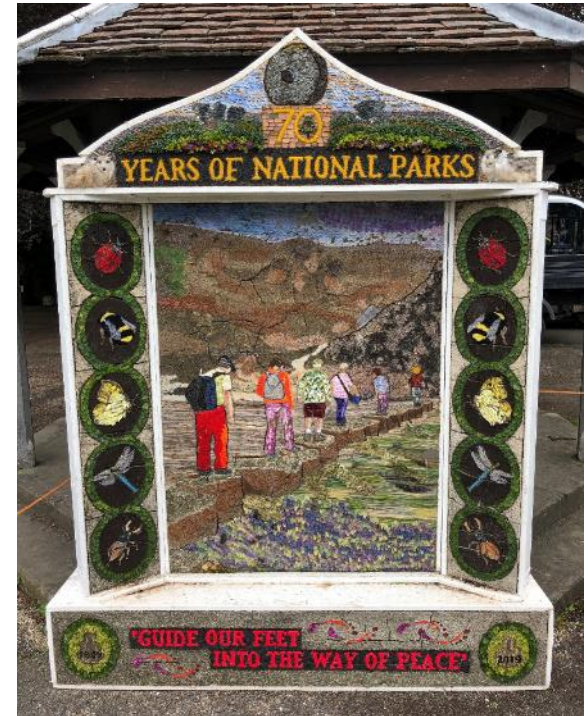


Oak Apple Day

## 5. Villages and towns special to the Peak District with local traditions

- Every summer towns across the Peak District take part in the tradition of well dressing. It is thought to have started as a way of giving thanks for the water!

**Do you have any traditions? They could be as a school or at home**





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**Did you get any of these?**

Wildlife Watching, Camping, Cycling, Walking, Climbing, Abseiling, Caving, Horse Riding, Water sports, Paragliding



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## 7. A landscape that gives millions of people clean water, fresh air and wellbeing

- There are **55 reservoirs** in the Peak District supplying **450 million litres** of water a day to Manchester, Liverpool and Sheffield among other places.
- The Peak District gives people chance to go out in the fresh air away from busy cities and pollution.



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**These special qualities guide the work we do at the Peak District National Park to protect this beautiful place for nature and for people to enjoy!**

The rest of the lessons and resources will help you learn more about our special place and how you can protect it.



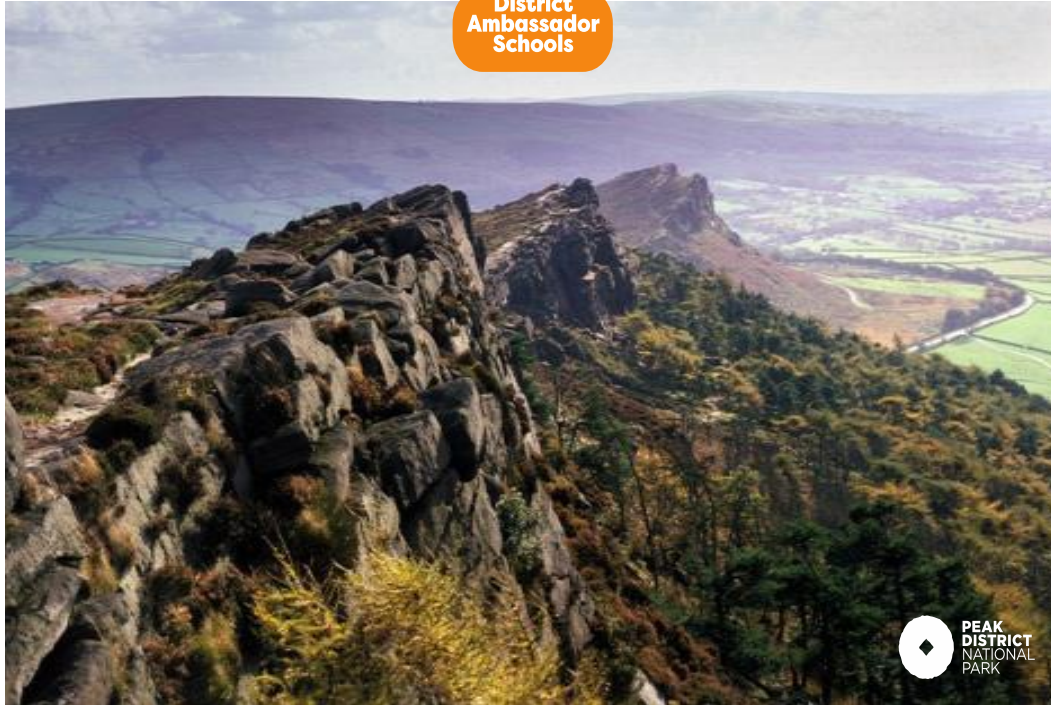
# ACTIVITY 1

Can you work out the special qualities shown in the following pictures?



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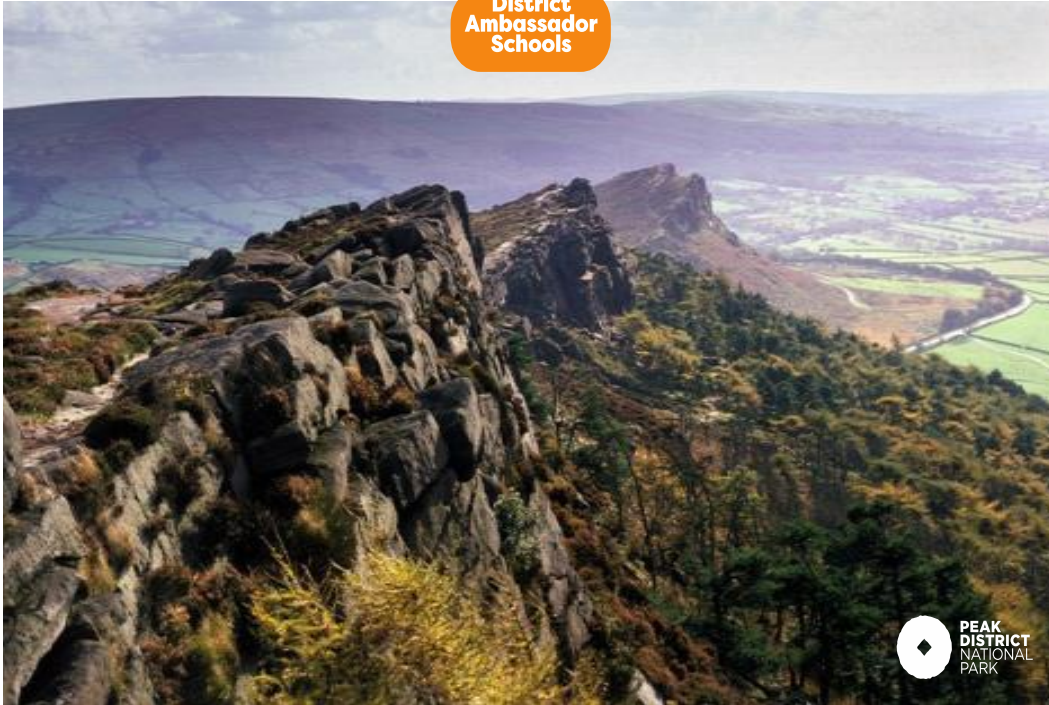


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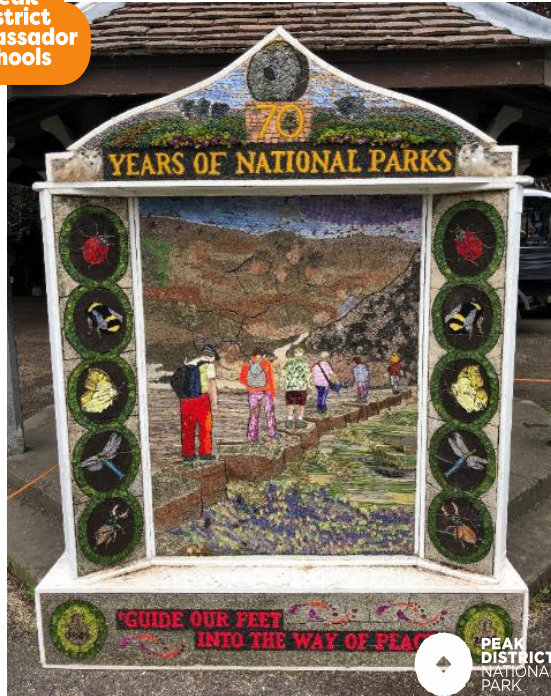


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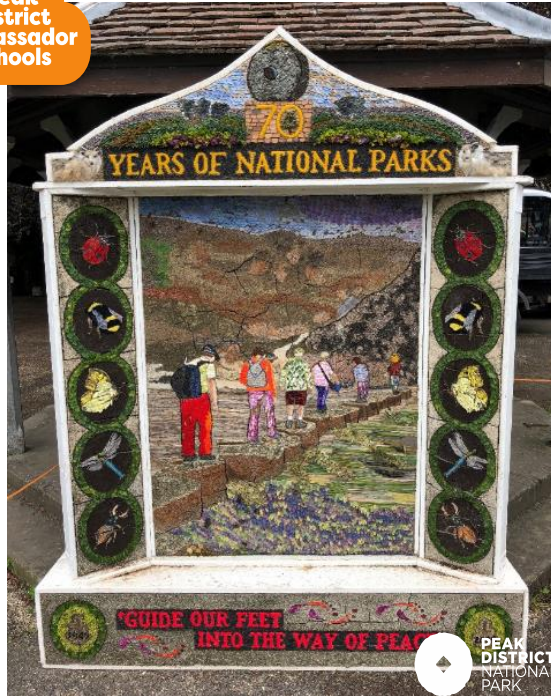
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