



## **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

### **National Park Ranger patrols and Rights of Way management**

Update Friday 03 April 2020

From Friday 03 April, National Park rangers will be undertaking vehicle-based patrols across the Peak District National Park, with a particular focus on National Park properties and car parks, along with areas that traditionally experience high levels of visitors. Rangers will also be monitoring for any sign of wildfire activity in both lowland and upland areas.

As part of this role and in support of police forces operating across the Peak District, our rangers are not being asked to engage with the public regarding adherence to government measures on travel and social distancing. This remains a role for the police, and if rangers believe that further action or intervention may be required, information will be passed on accordingly.

#### **Rights of Way**

Further guidance has been received from Defra as of Friday 03 April, which makes provision for the use of signage requesting that rights of way users follow an alternative route where the original route passes through a private property/working farmyard/stables or other location where people may be unable to maintain adequate social distancing.

The supply and/or installation of signs to waymark alternative routes as a result of COVID-19 advice will be undertaken by the relevant rights of way managing authority (usually the local county council).

The National Park Authority is not able to authorise closures of any rights of way.

Further questions on either of these activities may be forwarded to: [customer.service@peakdistrict.gov.uk](mailto:customer.service@peakdistrict.gov.uk)

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