ENGLAND’S NATIONAL PARKS
The Broads is Britain’s magical waterland – a special place where land, sky and sparkling water seem to meld into one. It’s England’s Nature Capital – a uniquely beautiful environment, teeming with birds and one of Europe’s most important wetlands. More rare species are found here than anywhere else in the UK and it’s a haven for all kinds of wildlife, like the Swallowtail, Britain’s biggest butterfly.

A great place for boating, you can sail away into another world where time slows down and everyday pressures disappear into a watery dreamland.

And there’s so much to do on land, too. There are no mountains here, but you won’t miss them! This is fantastic walking country – just head out under huge, open skies and you’ll feel a million miles from anywhere, discovering a world you never knew existed.
Spanning 368 miles (954 km2), Dartmoor covers the largest and wildest area of open country in the south of England. Whether you want to immerse yourself in the most important area for Bronze Age archaeology in Western Europe, explore areas made famous by Sherlock Holmes or discover the world’s largest land slug or the UK’s largest beetle – Dartmoor has something for everyone.

With accommodation ranging from wild camping to five star properties in our historical towns and villages, Dartmoor is the perfect base to enjoy everything from sightseeing and leisurely strolls to more active pursuits such as mountain biking, rock climbing and longer treks.

More information on Dartmoor can be found through the [Dartmoor National Park website](https://www.dartmoor.gov.uk) or via the three award winning National Park Visitor Centres at Princetown, Postbridge and Haytor.
ENGLAND’S NATIONAL PARKS
Exmoor National Park

TRAVEL DISTANCE AND TIMES FROM LONDON

- 3 hours 15 minutes from London
- London Paddington to Taunton (1 hour 30 minutes) bus connections to Minehead / Dulverton (1 hour).
- Bristol Airport, Exeter International Airport.
- Plymouth Ferry Port, Poole Ferry Port.

DID YOU KNOW?
The coast is home to the highest tides in Europe and the tallest cliffs in England. Great Hangman is 1,043ft high (318m) with a cliff face of 800ft (244m).

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Wild romantic moorlands, sweeping views, a dramatic coastline, quintessentially English villages filled with cozy pubs and 8,000 years of human history come together in 267 square miles (691 km2) of land, making Exmoor one of the most diverse National Parks.

Pull on your hiking boots to explore both coast and countryside or simply escape and unwind in nature’s very own adventure playground. A haven for wildlife you can spot big mammals like Exmoor Red Deer and Exmoor Ponies by day. By night, gaze at astronomical delights in Europe’s very first International Dark Sky Reserve. This is a landscape that was a muse to Romantic Poets such as Wordsworth and Coleridge, inspiring some of their most important works, including the lyrical ballads and to this day it continues to be a place to dream, discover and explore for yourself.
The Lake District is England’s largest National Park. It is home to Scafell Pike - its highest mountain, 12 of the largest lakes in England and bustling towns like Keswick and Bowness-on-Windermere.

With more than 3,500 kilometres of rights of way, you can walk, cycle and ride around the countryside to your heart's content. Or you can take to the water, explore meres and a dramatic coastline to see the Lake District in a whole new light.

With quaint villages nestled in between towering fells, glistening waters and miles and miles of spectacular countryside, it’s not hard to see why this landscape has inspired poets, artists and writers alike, including Wordsworth, Ruskin and Beatrix Potter.
ENGLAND’S NATIONAL PARKS
New Forest National Park

TRAVEL DISTANCE AND TIMES FROM LONDON

- 2 hours from London
- 90 minutes direct from London Waterloo to Brockenhurst train station.
- Bournemouth and Southampton airports both 20 minutes away.
- Regular ferry services from Southampton to Hythe and from the Isle of Wight from Yarmouth to Lymington. International cruise ship terminal at Southampton, ferries from France arrive to Portsmouth and Poole.

CONTACT DETAILS

- [www.newforestnpa.gov.uk](http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk) (National Park website)
- [www.thenewforest.co.uk](http://www.thenewforest.co.uk) (tourist information)
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DID YOU KNOW?

Lord Nelson’s naval fleet was built at the shipbuilding village of Buckler’s Hard, where you can also see his baby clothes.

William the Conqueror set aside the New Forest as his royal hunting ground in 1079, and he would probably recognise much of it today. Its unique landscape has been shaped over many centuries by grazing ponies, cattle and pigs which roam freely across the Forest. The animals may appear wild, but they are owned by people called commoners who have historic rights to graze them here.

The New Forest National Park is a place of outstanding natural beauty, a mosaic of ancient and ornamental woodland, open heathland, and picturesque villages.

It is also home to a number of rare plants and animals, including the Dartford warbler, wild gladiolus and silver-studded blue butterfly. It’s a wonderful place to explore on foot, on horseback, or by bike on more than 100 miles of off-road tracks.
Travel Distance and Times from London
- 5 hour drive from London to Hadrian's Wall
- London Kings Cross to Newcastle Central Rail Station (3 hours)
- Nearest rail station is Hexham (30 minutes from Newcastle Central Rail Station).
- Newcastle International Airport (30 minutes away)

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Northumberland National Park encompasses just over 400 square miles of awe-inspiring hills and moors, rolling from the heights of Hadrian’s Wall World Heritage Site to the majesty of the Cheviot Hills along the Scottish Border. Known as “The land of the far horizons”, it has a hot-blooded history as the edge of the Roman Empire and as the contested land of Reiver conflicts now remembered in traditional music and song.

Red squirrels and moorland birds such as the curlew make their home in this accessible wilderness, crossed by 684 miles (1100km) of footpaths, bridleways and cycle routes.

An incredibly tranquil part of England, with clear open skies, it forms 80% of Northumberland’s International Dark Sky Park – one of the best places in the country to view the stars.
The North York Moors – forged by nature, shaped by generations. Come and explore 554 square miles of secluded dales, magical moors, ancient woodland, heritage sites and a stunning Jurassic Age coastline – all just around 20 miles (32km) from the historic city of York.

You’ll discover a protected place where peace and beauty rub shoulders with rich traditions and a warm welcome. Walk or cycle along wooded riversides and picnic among romantic ruins – including magnificent Rievaulx Abbey. Hunt for fossils in old smugglers’ coves and climb aboard the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, the world’s most popular steam heritage railway line. Stay the night in timeless stone villages set under sweeping heather moorland.

There’s a packed year-round programme of events – from festivals and regattas to traditional country shows - as well as plenty of opportunities to try something new, from off-road cycling to gliding.

DID YOU KNOW?
Being located on the east coast of England, the North York Moors is actually the driest upland area in the country. So it’s less likely to be raining here!

TRAVEL DISTANCE AND TIMES FROM LONDON
- 230 miles from London (4 hours 20 minutes)
- London King’s Cross – York (1 hour 50 minutes)
- London King’s Cross – Middlesbrough (3 hours), then pick up the Esk Valley Railway to take you right into the heart of the National Park, with local stations including Danby, Lealholm, Egton Bridge, Grosmaund and on to Whitby.

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TRAVEL DISTANCE AND TIMES FROM LONDON

- 150 miles from London (3 and a quarter hours) Perfectly linked by the UK’s major motorway network; from the north and south, both the M1 and M6 provide easy access.
- London St Pancras to Derby (1 hour and 30 minutes) or Matlock (2 hours 30 minutes) Sheffield (2 hours and 30 minutes), Buxton (3 hours). Regular bus services into the National Park.
- Hope Valley Railway Line Linking Sheffield and Manchester takes you into the heart of the Peak District.
- The closest ports to the Peak District are Hull and Liverpool.

CONTACT DETAILS

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DID YOU KNOW?

There is over 65 miles of traffic free trails that you can walk or ride safely.

From the rolling hills and limestone dales of the White Peak to the high heather clad moorlands of the Dark Peak, come and enjoy the amazing variety of landscapes and magnificent panoramic views and Outstanding Areas of Natural Beauty that is the Peak District National Park.

If you love inspiring landscapes, and want to experience some of the best recreational trails for walking or cycling in England then you will love the Peak District National Park.

Discover our fascinating heritage, tour the network of quiet country lanes, or visit our historic and stately homes which include Haddon Hall, Tissington Hall or Chatsworth House, magnificent home of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire and their ancestors for 16 generations.

The Peak District is also home to the historic market town of Bakewell with its attractive courtyards, boutique shops, famous Bakewell Pudding and its River Wye location. With all these attractions no wonder it’s a very popular destination for visitors.
ENGLAND’S NATIONAL PARKS
South Downs National Park

TRAVEL DISTANCE AND TIMES FROM LONDON

- 60 miles from London (1 hour 45 minutes)
- London Waterloo to Haslemere (1 hour 30 minutes),
  London Victoria to Lewes (1 hour),
  London Victoria to Pulborough (1 hour 30 minutes),
  Portsmouth to Petersfield (23 minutes)
- Gatwick and Southampton
- Portsmouth and Newhaven

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Did You Know?

Around 24% of the National Park is made up of woods and almost half of this is ancient woodland.

The South Downs, England’s newest National Park, features some of the most varied and beautiful landscapes in the country. From rolling hills to bustling market towns, there are 618 square miles of breathtaking views and quintessentially English scenery.

From the curvaceous hills of Hampshire to the iconic white cliffs of East Sussex, there is rolling farmland, ancient woodland and lowland heaths alongside picturesque villages and flourishing vineyards.

Signs of the past are everywhere, including Neolithic earthworks and Bronze Age barrows along with Roman villas and Iron Age hill forts. Walking, cycling or riding are the perfect way to explore the Park, and the South Downs Way, a 101 mile (162.5km) long National Trail.

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ENGLAND’S NATIONAL PARKS
Yorkshire Dales National Park

TRAVEL DISTANCE AND TIMES FROM LONDON

- 250 miles from London (5 hours)
- London Kings Cross to Leeds (2.5 hours)
- Leeds/Bradford, Manchester, Durham Tees Valley and Newcastle
- Hull, Heysham, Liverpool and Newcastle

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The Dales landscape includes some of the finest limestone scenery in the UK, with breath-taking crags and pavements running to a labyrinth of caves. Look out for spectacular waterfalls, ancient woodlands, and remnants of the industrial heritage such as lead mines and the iconic Ribblehead viaduct.

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The National Park has over 932 miles (1500km) of footpaths to explore, and miles of cycle routes for all abilities, not forgetting the now world-famous Grand Depart Tour de France route.

The Yorkshire Dales national Park

England’s National Parks

Travel distance and times from London

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- London Kings Cross to Leeds (2.5 hours)
- Leeds/Bradford, Manchester, Durham Tees Valley and Newcastle
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