

Where you can ride in Dartmoor National Park

Public bridleways (blue arrows) for use on foot, horse riding and cycling

Designated Routes multi use trails for cycling and walking - Granite Way, Drakes Trail, Wray Valley Trail, Princetown Railway

Cycle only where you are legally permitted to do so. Cycling on open moorland or common land is not allowed unless on a designated bridleway or permissive route.

For your own safety on Dartmoor

- know your bike's ability and your ability
- be aware that weather conditions can deteriorate rapidly in upland areas
- carry a map and compass
- wear appropriate safety gear including a helmet and appropriate clothing
- make sure your bike is in good working order
- carry spares for trailside repairs
- tell someone where you are going and when you expect to be back

Cycling events and sportives

National Parks are special places, designated for their great natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage. They are also living and working landscapes - large scale events and sportives can impact local communities and can cause increased erosion on sensitive moorland routes. Dartmoor National Park Authority operates an organised events system and actively encourages event organisers to contact us at an early stage. Contact us 6-12 months before your event is due to take place, depending on the numbers of participants taking part. Organisers will be required to share their plans with the relevant local authority Safety Advisory Group, Devon County Council Highways and Police. Advice for event organisers is available on our website under the Visiting / Active Dartmoor.

Further information

Dartmoor and surrounding area for cyclists map shows all routes in the National Park with each one graded to help you plan a ride to suit your ability. The map is available to buy from National Park Visitor Centres.

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On and off road



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Dartmoor offers a mix of safe, traffic-free trails, quiet forest tracks, challenging bridleways and historic rural lanes. So whether road cycling or off road cycling, Dartmoor has everything you could wish for, to enjoy at your own pace.

Make your trip to Dartmoor National Park an enjoyable experience, stay safe and help us protect this special living and working landscape.

When cycling on Dartmoor, ride responsibly by:

- respecting the interests of other users, farmers and local communities;
- leaving gates as you find them;
- protecting the environment and taking your litter home.



On the road

- ride responsibly, watch your speed and show respect for other road users
- never ride more than two abreast, ride in single file on Dartmoor's narrow lanes
- watch out for cattle, sheep and ponies - many of Dartmoor's roads are unfenced
- respect the interests of other users, farmers and the local community
- avoid riding in large groups on Dartmoor's narrow roads. This can potentially be hazardous for cyclists and other road users



Off road

- ride only where you are legally entitled to do so
- by law you must give way to walkers and horse riders
- let others know you are coming - use your bell or give a polite advance call - many people will be happy to let you pass
- ride in small groups
- stay in control and slow down around other users and livestock
- avoid riding over or heavy braking on wet ground as this increases erosion