

# Key Facts and Figures for all 15 UK National Parks

Activity idea: Use the Map of UK's 15 National Parks with no names resource and challenge students to use the information in the physical facts and figures table below to label the names of the National Parks correctly.

## Land area covered by National Parks

**England:** 10 National Parks cover 9.3% of the land area, **Wales:** 3 National Parks cover 19.9% of the land area, **Scotland:** 2 National Parks cover 7.2% of the land area.

**Internationally:** 113,000 National Parks and similarly protected areas cover approximately 6% of the Earth's land surface, that's about 149 million km<sup>2</sup>! (Source - IUCN - International Union for Conservation of Nature).

## Physical facts and figures

National Park	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Highest point (metres)	Coastline (km)	Main settlements
Brecon Beacons (Wales)	1344	Pen y Fan - 886	0	Brecon, Crickhowell, Gilwern and Hay
Broads (England)	303	Strumpshaw Hill - 38	2.7	Stalham, Wroxham, Brundall, Acle, Loddon, Beccles and Oulton Broad
Cairngorms (Scotland)	4,528	Ben Macdui - 1309	0	Aviemore, Ballater, Braemar, Grantown-on-Spey, Kingussie, Newtonmore, and Tomintoul
Dartmoor (England)	953	High Willhays - 621	0	Ashburton, Buckfastleigh, Chagford, Moretonhampstead

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Exmoor (England)	694	Dunkery Beacon - 519	55	Lynton, Dunster, Porlock and Dulverton
Lake District (England)	2362	Scafell Pike - 978m	23	Ambleside, Bowness, Coniston, Grasmere, Keswick
Loch Lomond and the Trossachs (Scotland)	1865	Ben More - 1174	58	Balloch, Callander and Tarbet
New Forest (England)	570	Telegraph Hill - 140	42	Lyndhurst, Brockenhurst and Burley
Northumberland (England)	1048	The Cheviot - 815	0	Hexham, Haltwhistle, Bellingham, Rothbury and Wooler
North York Moors (England)	1434	Urra Moor - 454	42	Helmsley and Thornton-le-Dale
Peak District (England)	1437	Kinder Scout - 636	0	Bakewell and Tideswell
Pembrokeshire Coast (Wales)	621	Foel Cwmceryn - 536	418	St Davids, Tenby and Saundersfoot
Snowdonia (Wales)	2176	Snowdon - 1085	60	Aberdyfi, Dolgellau, Trawsfynydd and Beddgelert
South Downs (England)	1624	Blackdown - 280	14	Arundel, Steyning, Lewes, Midhurst and Petersfield
Yorkshire Dales (England)	2179	Whernside - 736	0	Grassington, Settle, Hawes and Sedbergh

[Updated on 1 August 2016 when boundaries extended for the Yorkshire Dales and Lake District National Parks.]

# Social and historical facts and figures

A scheduled monument is a protected archaeological site or building that is of national importance. Conservation areas are villages or towns with important architecture that is protected.

National Park name	Year of designation	Population	Scheduled ancient monuments	Conservation Areas	Visitors a year (million)	Visitor days a year (million)	Visitor spend a year (million)
Brecon Beacons	1957	32,000	268	11	4.15	5	£197
Broads	1989	6,271	14	18	8	15.5	£568
*Cairngorms	2003	17,000	60	4	1.5	3.1	£185
*Dartmoor	1951	34,000	1058	23	2.4	3.1	£111
Exmoor	1954	10,600	202	16	1.4	2	£85
Lake District	1951	41,100	281	23	16.4	24	£1146
*Loch Lomond and the Trossachs	2002	15,600	60	7	4	7	£190
New Forest	2005	34,922	622	19	Not available	13.5	£123

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Northumberland	1956	2,200	424, including 1 World Heritage Site	1 and 3 National Conservation Areas	1.5	1.7	£190
North York Moors	1952	23,380	840	42	7	10.8	£538
Peak District	1951	37,905	469	109	8.75	11.75	£541
Pembrokeshire Coast	1952	22,800		14	4.2	13	£498
*Snowdonia	1951	25,482	359	14	4.27	10.4	£396
South Downs	2010	120,000	700	165	Not available	39	£333
Yorkshire Dales	1954	23,637	199	37	9.5	12.6	£400

\* These visitor numbers and visitor spend figures have been taken from STEAM reports, mostly from 2009. Figures for all other national parks were updated in October 2014.