## THE PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK

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**Keep off** 

the grass!

With growing popularity there is increasing concern about traffic and

associated pollution in National

Parks. However, in recent years the growth in popularity of mountain

biking and four wheel drive vehicles

in the Peak District National Park has

added another pressure to the

environment. The use of motor

vehicles on tracks can create massive

damage, especially after heavy

rainfall. There is also concern that

plant and animal life could be

affected by the noise and pollution of

A local farmer said that "the use of

recreational vehicles on dirt tracks

can cause massive gulleys. One

vehicle can cause the damage of 500

motor vehicles.

pairs of feet."

## **Beaten Path**

It's 50 years since Britain's first national park was set up - how is it doing today?

Phil Barnes was a photographer whose pictures were widely used to promote the beauties of the Peak District National Park 50 years ago.

What would Barnes make of the scenes today, where, every weekend the most beautiful areas are overcrowded with traffic and people?

Today, 20 million people live within an hour's drive of the park and 38,000 people live within its boundaries.

Over 60% of all recreational visits to the park are made during the months of May to September, with Sundays

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the busiest day of the week. This concentration of people puts pressure on roads and in many areas people park on verges or in fields, damaging the wildlife and leaving litter

Huge visitor pressure on the peat bog areas have led to erosion of the peat and habitat loss.

The increasing number of visitors has also led to new building as visitors demand more facilities. New buildings can change the character of towns as well as damaging the environment.

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## Figure 5

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