

THE PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK

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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

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 motor vehicles.

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 pairs of feet."

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Figure 5

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