



Join the debate about recreation in the New Forest

By answering the questions below you will help us develop a small number of high priority tasks that will help protect the New Forest and enable people to enjoy it.

This call for views consultation closes at 11pm on **13 August 2017**.

We won't be responding individually to everyone's suggestions, but findings from this initial call for views will be published in autumn 2017. You can sign up for the latest updates by email at the end of the survey.

An update to the Recreation Management Strategy (RMS), with a refreshed list of priority actions and the organisations that will lead them, will then be published for consultation in the spring of 2018. The current Recreation Management Strategy and other background information is available to view online at www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/futureforest, to view at the National Park Authority offices in Lymington, or by post on request.

It should take you about 15 minutes to answer the questions, depending on how much you wish to write.

How we will use your personal data

The information provided is being collected by the New Forest National Park Authority (NPA) and Hampshire County Council and will not be shared with any other third parties, without first obtaining your consent (unless we are obliged or permitted by law to disclose it). Hampshire County Council will retain copies of the responses which they will store securely and delete one year after the end of the consultation process.

The NPA will only use your information for the purpose of informing and administering the Recreational Management Strategy update (RMS) and will retain the completed surveys and any other responses received for up to one year after the publication of the updated RMS. Anonymised and summarised data will be shared with the RMS Steering Group members and may be shared with the public in order to provide transparency and clarification of the decision making process. Information provided in Section 4 is for analytical purposes only and will be used for no other purpose.

If you have provided your contact details in Section 5 and indicated you are happy for us to contact you in the future about this process and / or to receive the NPA newsletter, you may unsubscribe at any time by following the link in the email or by emailing communications@newforestnpa.gov.uk. More details on how the NPA holds personal information can be found at:

<http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/privacyandcookies>. Should you require any further information about how your details will be used or stored, please contact the NPA's Information & Data Protection Officer at membersservices@newforestnpa.gov.uk.





Section 1: Initial questions about yourself

Q.1 Have you taken part in a consultation about the New Forest before?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Q.2 How frequently do you participate in the following types of outdoor activity within the New Forest National Park? Please tick all that apply.

	Not at all in the last year	Rarely (no more than once per year)	Frequently (at least one per week)	Regularly (at least once per month)	Infrequently (a few times per year)
Walking					
Cycling					
Horse riding					
Running					
Exercising dogs					
Watching wildlife					
Relaxing and enjoying the view or having a picnic					
Playing sport, such as golf or cricket					
Exploring local heritage or archaeology					
Outdoor exercise classes					
Conservation volunteering					
Camping or caravanning					
Water sports					
Model aircraft/boats					
Going for a drive					
Visiting villages, historic sites and other attractions					
Other, please specify:					



Section 2: Your views on topics in the current Recreation Management Strategy

Outdoor recreation, with its benefits to health and wellbeing and to the local economy, can sometimes conflict with protecting wildlife and the environment.

It can also be expensive to maintain recreational facilities in good condition.

We need to find affordable ways to help people enjoy the New Forest and protect it for the future.

The current New Forest Recreation Management Strategy has 55 actions aimed at managing recreation. These are summarised below under their topic headings. We want to find out which topics you think should be prioritised in the next five years.

Please think what would be best for the New Forest as a whole, as well as about your personal interests.

We know there are people with innovative ideas which look to the future for the Forest. So, if you think a topic area is missing from the Strategy, please tell us in the comments box in Section 3 of this call for views.



Q.3 From the 15 topics below, please tick up to six that you think should be made high priority over the next five years.

	a) Raising awareness and understanding Raise awareness of how special the New Forest is and how and where to enjoy it without causing harm through improved education, promotion, campaigns, rangers and events.
	b) Improving access Develop a more joined up network of agreed routes and improve and promote use of them.
	c) Coastal access Implement and promote the England Coast Path and associated access rights when the Government's consultation is complete and the route is confirmed.
	d) Providing sustainable services and facilities Review and improve visitor facilities and car parking to reduce impacts on the most sensitive areas, reduce parking on verges and cover maintenance costs.
	e) Healthy lifestyles and opportunities Enable young people, and people with disabilities, health needs or other disadvantages, to enjoy and benefit from the New Forest.
	f) Sustainable transport Improve access by public transport to reduce traffic. Make Forest roads and crossing points safer for walkers, cyclists and horse riders.
	g) Influencing recreational provision beyond the boundaries of the National Park Work with neighbouring local authorities and influence their planning policies to create significant new and improved outdoor opportunities on the edge of the National Park to serve local communities.
	h) Climate change and sustainability Assess the impact that outdoor activities have on the environment and encourage people to adopt more sustainable practices, including public transport options where possible.
	i) Walking - Encourage private landowners to establish new walking routes on their land. Find ways to reduce the impacts of walking on sensitive wildlife. Provide better information and access to people with disabilities.
	j) On and off-road cycling - Improve the safety, connectivity and use of an agreed network of on and off-road cycle routes, linked to towns and villages, including agreement for some changes on Crown Lands managed by the Forestry Commission.
	k) Horse riding - Improve safety for horse riders, the connectivity and condition of routes and promote high standards of paddock management.
	l) Camping and caravanning - Audit the campsite provision in the National Park: ensuring it keeps its appeal to visitors and benefits to the local economy while preventing and reducing negative impacts on the Forest.
	m) Water-based recreation - Enable people to understand and enjoy water based activities on the coast without harming sensitive sites and species.
	n) Cricket - Help cricket clubs manage their areas with the environment in mind and ensure facilities complement the landscape.
	o) Golf - Help golf clubs manage their land to ensure related facilities fit well into the landscape.



Your selected priorities for the New Forest

Q.4 Please tell us more about why you selected these topics as priorities for the New Forest.

This will help us develop a clear rationale for proposing the topics which should be made high priority in the coming years. Please do not provide any personal details in your response.

Topic 1:

Topic 2:

Topic 3:

Topic 4:

Topic 5:

Topic 6:



Section 3: Comments

Q.5 Please tell us if you have any other comments about how we can all enjoy outdoor activities and protect the New Forest. This could include your views on what impact outdoor activities have, what topics may be missing from the current strategy, or what action you would like to see taken within the next five years.

Please do not provide any personal details in your response.



Section 4: About you

Q.6 Are you responding on your own behalf or on behalf of an organisation or group?

- I am providing my own response – *go to question 7.*
- I am providing a response on behalf of an organisation or group – *go to question 11.*

Questions for individuals

The information requested below is optional. Responses you provide here will be used for analysis purposes only.

Q.7 Please provide your full home postcode

Q.8 What was your age on your last birthday?

- Under 18
- 18 - 24
- 25 - 34
- 35 - 44
- 45 - 54
- 55 - 64
- 65 - 74
- 75 - 84
- 85 or over

Q.9 Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Q.10 Please choose one option that best describes your ethnic group or background:

White

- English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British
 - Irish
 - Gypsy or Irish Traveller
 - Any other White background
 - If 'other' please describe:
-



Mixed / Multiple ethnic groups

- White and Black Caribbean
 - White and Black African
 - White and Asian
 - Any other Mixed / Multiple ethnic background
 - If 'other' please describe:
-

Asian / Asian British

- Indian
 - Pakistani
 - Bangladeshi
 - Chinese
 - Any other Asian background
 - If 'other' please describe:
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Black / African / Caribbean / Black British

- African
 - Caribbean
 - Any other Black / African / Caribbean background
 - If 'other' please describe:
-

Other ethnic group:

- Arab
 - If 'other' please describe:
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Please go to question 16.



Questions for organisations or groups

Q.11 What is your job position/role and the name and address of the organisation or group on whose behalf you are submitting this response? *The name and details of your organisation or group may appear in the final report.*

Job position/role: _____

Name of organisation or group: _____

Address of organisation or group:

Q.12 Has your organisation taken part in a consultation about the New Forest before?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Q.13 Please indicate if your organisation or group represents or champions any of these outdoor activities: (please tick all that apply)

- Cycling
- Running
- Watching wildlife
- Playing sport such as golf or cricket
- Outdoor exercise classes
- Camping or caravanning
- Model aircraft/ boats
- Visiting villages, historic sites and other attractions
- Horse riding
- Exercising dogs
- Relaxing and enjoying the view or having a picnic
- Exploring local heritage or archaeology
- Conservation volunteering
- Water sports
- Going for a drive
- Other, please specify: _____



Q.14 Which of these categories best describes the primary function of your group or organisation?

- Local public sector organisation, e.g. county, district or unitary council, health services, emergency services
 - School/college/place of education
 - Charity/non-governmental organisation
 - Sports group
 - Equine organisation
 - Parish council
 - Local business
 - Nature conservation/environmental group
 - Animal welfare group
 - Local community or voluntary group
 - Other, please specify:
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Q.15 Please tell us how the views of your organisation's members were collated:



Section 5: Staying in touch with this consultation and National Park news

Q.16 Would you like to sign-up to emails with updates about this consultation?

- Yes
- No

Q.17 Would you like to sign-up to emails with news and events in the New Forest National Park?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please give your contact details:

First name: _____

Last name: _____

Your email address: _____

Q.18 Where did you hear about this consultation?

- Newspaper
- Social media, e.g. Facebook or Twitter
- Radio
- New Forest Show
- Drop-in session or roadshow
- Posters or site notices
- Word of mouth
- Email
- Other, please specify: _____



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Please return your response to:

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Lymington
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Or email: futureforest@newforestnpa.gov.uk.

