

# Where you can cycle in Dartmoor National Park

**Public bridleways, byways** and **unclassified county roads** (as shown on Ordnance Survey maps or the *Dartmoor and surrounding area for cyclists* map)

**Designated Routes** multi use trails for cycling and walking - Granite Way, Drake's 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 public bridleway or designated routes.**

## Be safe

- know your own ability and that of your bike
- be aware that weather conditions can deteriorate rapidly in upland areas
- carry a map and compass/ GPS/ mobile phone
- wear safety gear including a helmet and appropriate clothing
- make sure your bike is in good working order
- carry spares for repairs
- tell someone where you are going and when you expect to be back
- beware cattlegrids can be slippery when wet

## Cycling events

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 have an impact on local communities and can cause increased erosion on sensitive moorland routes.

Dartmoor National Park operates an organised events system and actively encourages event organisers to make contact 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 [www.dartmoor.gov.uk/cycling](http://www.dartmoor.gov.uk/cycling)

## 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.

# GRANITE & GEARS



## Cycle with moor care

- Be considerate
- Be safe



Please help us to look after Dartmoor

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Dartmoor offers a mix of 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.

## Be considerate

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 narrow or busy roads and when riding around bends
- 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
- follow the Highway Code



### 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 - 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
- be aware of farming and forestry operations or machinery