

The Purposes of National Parks



In England and Wales the statutory purposes of National Parks are:

- to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area
- to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the area's special qualities by the public.

In pursuing these purposes National Park Authorities also have a duty to seek to foster the economic and social well-being of the communities within the National Park.

Scottish National Parks statutory aims are:

- to conserve and enhance the natural and cultural heritage of the area
- to promote the sustainable use of the natural resources of the area
- to promote understanding and enjoyment (including enjoyment in the form of recreation) of the special qualities of the area by the public
- to promote sustainable economic and social development of the area's communities.



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