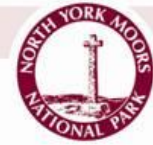


PRESS RELEASE

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Winter opening times at National Park Centres...

The Sutton Bank National Park Centre and The Moors National Park Centre at Danby will change to their winter opening hours from November 1.

The winter times are:

November and December, daily, until 1 January: 10.30am – 4pm
Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

...and what's new

At The Moors National Park Centre, Danby, a new show place has been created to link the renowned Inspired by...gallery and the Centre's shop. High-quality gifts - many of them local - including jewellery, ironwork, wood-turned products, ceramics and books are now on sale in the new room as well as seasonal gifts in the existing shop.

Three great new cycling trails along the spectacular cliff top at Sutton Bank are being developed by the National Park with the exciting 'Cliff' family trail opening soon ('Fort' and 'Paradise' trails opening spring 2014).

The site will also be home to the brand new Sutton Bank Bikes cycling centre run by Pace Cycles. The centre will offer bike hire and skills training as well as bike sales, clothing and loads of accessories.

The North York Moors National Park

1. The Park was created on 28 November, 1952 and became Britain's sixth National Park. National Parks are hugely popular with the public - in a poll undertaken by the UK Association of National Park Authorities in February 2013, 93 per cent of people felt National Parks were areas of national importance. Public spending on National Parks is less than £1 per person per year.
2. The North York Moors National Park is the place where nature and history inspire each other. Its contrasting landscape has a long imprint of human activity: prehistoric remains, vibrant villages and magnificent abbeys. Ancient trees, towering coastal cliffs and rolling heather moorland provide habitats for a wide range of wildlife and its wide open spaces and breathtaking vistas bring a sense of peace and tranquillity.
3. The National Park has the greatest concentration of ancient and veteran trees in the north of England and the 1 in 3 lane at Rosedale's Chimney Bank is the steepest public road in the country. It has 3,014 Listed Buildings, 21 species of orchid and is one of just 20 Butterfly Survival Zones in the UK. It also has the oldest surviving gooseberry show in the country, which was established at Egton Bridge in 1800.
4. To view other press releases about the North York Moors and for further information on the National Park, visit www.northyorkmoors.org.uk
5. The North York Moors is one of 15 National Parks which are home to some of the most spectacular and valued landscapes in Britain. More information on all National Parks can be found at www.nationalparks.gov.uk.
6. Nearly 14% of our staff are apprentices from local families.

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