

Yorkshire Three Peaks Guidelines for Event Organisers



The spectacular landscape of the Three Peaks, which has inspired for generations, is part of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, and a national treasure.

The Yorkshire Three Peaks has become an increasingly popular location for fundraising events. Yours will not be the only event taking place on the route. The number of events is putting increasing pressure on the area, with considerable negative impact on residents, rescue services, the environment, and amenities.

Please extend your charity beyond the worthy cause for which you are raising money by respecting this area and its people, and ensuring your event has a minimal impact on the mountains, the local communities, and the enjoyment of others.

When organising your event, please consider:

How many people?



DO NOT organise events with excessive numbers: think about logistics and impact. Although it is difficult to turn people away, it is most important that events do not become too large for the communities and environment of the National Park to cope with.

When's best?



AVOID BUSY PERIODS such as bank holidays. Remember that weekends, particularly Saturdays, will be the busiest time.

AVOID CLASHES with other events - particularly if your group size is over 100 people - by registering your event with the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

Think travel



OFFER sustainable transport options and information. Consider how you can minimise the number of vehicles your participants bring by encouraging car sharing or arranging transport for them.

ARRANGE sufficient car parking for the number of participants before the event. Parking in the area is limited and large numbers of cars cause congestion, noise and disruption to residents trying to get on with their normal day-to-day activities.

ADVISE participants not to park inconsiderately. Vehicles should not be parked in passing places, clearways, private roads, tracks, roadside verges, gateways or pavements. Vehicles must not be parked in a dangerous position or where it causes any obstruction to the road and pavement.

Noise



MAKE YOUR EVENT A QUIET ONE that respects residents. Without considerate behaviour, they experience noise and disturbance every weekend.

ADVISE participants to keep early morning noise (from both people and vehicles) to an absolute minimum, and for them to maintain it until they are away from the village.

DO NOT use bells or claxons to 'ring home' your participants at the end of their challenge.

Litter



TAKE IT HOME! Litter places a burden on our small, rural communities and is a blight on the landscape. If you really want to help, pick up any odd bits you see along the way.

ENCOURAGE recycling and the use of re-useable bottles, and make drinking water available along the way - plastic bottles are a big polluter of the Three Peaks route.

REMEMBER, banana skins and orange peel are litter, too – they are unsightly and take two years to decompose.

Toilets



DON'T GET CAUGHT SHORT!

Toilet facilities on the Three Peaks route are limited (the only public toilets are at Horton-in-Ribblesdale). Large scale event organisers should provide temporary facilities - along with car parking - and, where possible, make additional arrangements at suitable locations on the route.

ADVISE participants not to use the mountains as an outdoor toilet. This has significant impact on local water supplies and ecology, and is unpleasant for other visitors. If you do need to urinate, do so at least 30m from streams and watercourses. If you need to defecate, do so as far away as possible from buildings, streams and farm animals. Bury faeces in a shallow hole and replace the turf.

Signage



WHICH WAY TO GO?

The Three Peaks route is well signed and it should not be necessary to place additional signs

Countryside Code



FOLLOW THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE!

Make sure that your participants observe the Countryside Code - see www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code It provides good, common sense guidance for how people can respect, protect and enjoy the countryside.

Stay safe

BE PREPARED! Make sure that your participants are well prepared in terms of kit and have a good level of fitness. Make sure you have at least one person in your group who can navigate in difficult conditions. The Yorkshire Three Peaks can be a challenging place at all times of the year. Local mountain rescue teams are all volunteers and should only be called in an emergency.



Want to help?

SUPPORT THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Responsible event organisers ensure that their event has a positive impact on the area by supporting and paying to use local facilities and services. Encourage your participants to come back and stay, linger, explore, and enjoy the local hospitality, and get to know the place and the people.



DONATE TO PATH MAINTENANCE

The Yorkshire Three Peaks are very fragile environments and the public rights of way network is under pressure from the thousands of visitors that come to enjoy it each year.

Help us look after this special place by donating a minimum of £1 per event participant.

For details, see www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/threepicks



FOLLOW THE YORKSHIRE THREE PEAKS CODE OF CONDUCT

As an event organiser, the main thing you can do to help keep this place special is to promote the **Yorkshire Three Peaks Code of Conduct** and include this with the information you send to participants and at event briefings. Making participants aware how their behaviour can make a difference is vital to the long term sustainability of challenge events.

