

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

We are passionate about using the countryside, hills and mountains in a sustainable way.

Our ethos is to...

- * Always give something back to the local area
- * Stay, eat and drink locally
- * Work closely with local businesses
- * Promote public transport
- * Tread carefully and lightly
- * Inform, educate and inspire
- * Reduce our carbon footprint as much as possible

Sustainable Travel

- * Plan our courses and walks so that we reduce down travel time as much as possible throughout the year; plan walks in similar locations on consecutive days to reduce travel
- * Use locations with good public transport links as much as possible
- * Promote public transport in all correspondence
- * Promote car sharing for groups and corporate bookings
- * Offer a pick up and drop off service to the nearest railway station
- * Choose locations that do not require the use of a car once the group has arrived.

Spend locally

- * Plan our courses and walks so that we always use villages with a good variety of accommodation and public transport links
- * Use local pubs and cafes to base our walks from
- * Promote accommodation options for all of our courses, to encourage people to stay overnight

'Payback' schemes

- * Plant one deciduous tree in the Yorkshire Dales for every corporate booking
- * Work with the National Trust in the Yorkshire Dales, and make a contribution for each course to the NT
- * Donate to the Yorkshire Three Peaks project
- * *Green Travel Discount.* When a participant travels to a navigation course or guided walk on foot, by bicycle or on public transport, then we will give them a 5% discount off the cost of their course or walk.

Tread lightly

- * Tread lightly and carefully as the moors and mountains are fragile landscapes that support rare wildlife.
- * Keep to paths to avoid expanding erosion to the side of the paths
- * Pick up ALL litter that we see. Carry EVERYTHING out with us that we brought in
- * Carry out all biodegradable waste, including apple cores and banana skins
- * Take people to quieter areas and onto Access Land to reduce our impact on busier routes.
- * Use a variety of venues and locations to avoid over use
- * Educate, discuss and inform people about our environmental impact, natural environment and rare habitats.
- * Educate, discuss and inform people about how we can all reduce our impact on the environment.
- * Keep group sizes to within reasonable ratios to reduce our impact with regards to noise, erosion and detrimental effects to the environment.

Kit, Clothing and Equipment

- * Maintain and repair our outdoor clothing and kit to make it last longer
- * Recycle as much as possible
- * Educate our clients about using re-usable plastic water bottles, rather than single-use water bottles