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A Plan for Pembrokeshire Coast National Park

What we will do in 2025 to 2029

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About this plan



We are the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority.



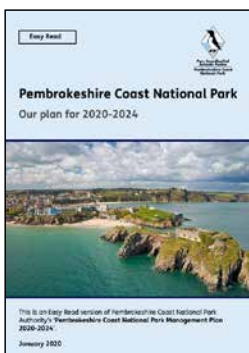
Pembrokeshire Coast National Park is in west Wales. It is an area of natural beauty and lots of wildlife.



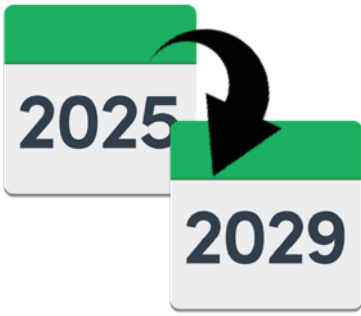
21 thousand people live there.



We decide the planning rules for the National Park area.



We made a plan about the National Park that lasted from 2020 to 2024.



This booklet is about our new plan for 2025 to 2029.



We ran a survey asking what you think about this plan.



If you filled in the survey thank you. Your ideas helped us make the final plan.

The new plan has goals based on 4 main ideas:



1. **Conservation.** Looking after the land and wildlife.



2. **Connection.** Helping people feel part of nature and the history of the area.



3. **Climate and natural resources.** Taking care of the environment and keeping it safe for the future.



4. **Communities.** Looking after the people who live in the National Park.



These ideas are linked to laws and policies in Wales.

The past



A long time ago, the sea covered the land on the Pembrokeshire Coast. There were volcanoes and big mountains.



People later built things like forts, and castles. They also traded with other places.



In more recent times, the area became important for business, nature, and visitors. The Pembrokeshire Coast National Park was made.

What we want



We want to keep the park good for the environment and enjoyable for everyone who lives, works, or visits here.



The park has many beautiful places, like hills, beaches, and forests. These places tell us things about nature and history.



We want to protect wildlife, the environment, and culture. And allow everyone to enjoy and learn about the land.



We want to keep nature healthy. With clean air, good soil, and many animals and plants.



It is important that everyone can visit the park, enjoy it, and help take care of it. So the park can be a place that works for both people and nature.

A place to live and work



We look after the area, keeping the natural beauty and wildlife safe.



We make sure people can enjoy the Park and that it benefits the local communities.



Other groups, like the Welsh Government and local businesses, help look after the Park.



It is important that we all work to look after the park well.



We can use the Parks to benefit of the local communities. We must do it in a way that looks after the Park.



The Park is used to grow food and make electricity and heat.



Most of the National Park is privately owned. Organisations look after some of it for nature and history.



What the National Park offers



It is important that people have chances to enjoy the Park.



We asked people about their favourite places in the Park and how we can protect them. People gave many answers.



Many people talked about the coastline, beaches, wildlife, scenery, history and community.



People like the mix of Welsh and English. The languages show the different people who live here.



Walking is the most popular thing to do in the Park, but there are many other things to do.



The Park has lots of choices. There are places for peace and quiet. And places to hear the sounds of the countryside.



There are places for **heritage** and **culture**. This means things like castles, history, and things to do with Welsh life.



Things that affect the Park



There are some problems in the Park. There are 3 big things that can affect the Park:



- **How the land is managed.** This affects the wildlife and environment.



- **Development.** Building and changes need to protect and improve the area.



- **Climate change.** This is big changes in the weather. For example, places getting warmer, wetter, or drier. These changes cause things like storms to get worse, flooding and wildfires. This can damage the National Park.



Over the last 30 years there has been a big drop in wildlife in Wales. Many natural areas are in poor condition.



In 2022 the **United Nations Biodiversity Conference** event took place.



The countries there agreed to keep and manage 30 percent of the earth's surface for nature.



This is important, but these areas need to be well looked after.

Learning



A National Park should help people learn about and take an interest in the area.



This helps people look after it and is good for people's health and wellbeing.



There are many chances for walking, climbing and water sports in the National Park.



Some people disturb wildlife and do not look after the area. More could be done to stop this.



More people are learning about the environment and how important it is.



But many people do not know enough to protect it.



We need to help more people learn about the Park and get involved.



1 example is involving young people. This is good for their health and wellbeing. It can reduce stress and improve mood.



We and other groups have worked with primary school children. It has been harder to involve secondary schools.



It is important to involve young people.

Why people visit



The coast is a big reason people visit the area.



Many areas of the National Park are free from **light pollution**.

Light pollution is bright light at night from things like street lamps.



There are 8 **Dark Sky Discovery Sites** in the National Park. These are places where you can see the sky and stars at night if there are no clouds.



Climate Change



Climate change has had bad effects on nature and wildlife.



There are many things we can do to deal with **climate change**. The **Climate Change Committee** made a report called **Adaptation and the Nature Emergency**.



One important goal is to reach **net-zero**.

Net-zero means the amount of harmful gases we put into the air is balanced by the amount we take out.



We plan to be **net-zero** by the year 2050. We also want to halve the amount of harmful gases we produce by 2030.



We need to plan for changes and risks to the Park, like flooding. We need to make sure people know how this could affect them.



We need to think about what will happen if more people start visiting the area and the effects this could have.



Other things that can affect the area are how much money there is and the jobs people do.



Many of the homes owned in the area are second homes. This makes house prices go up.



It is important to have enough housing in the area that people can afford.



When thinking about tourists, we must remember visitors can have different needs. For example, planning for disabled visitors.

Transport



Most people in Pembrokeshire use cars. Cars are not good for the environment.



There is not much public transport in the area. We need to think about people's needs for the future. For example, having better cycle routes and better public transport.

History and Places of Special Interest



There are many buildings, sites, gardens and places that are important to the area.



All these might be at risk of damage. Different groups look after them. For example, Cadw looks after some places and buildings.

Water and air quality



Water around the area is OK, but there is some pollution.



Every year **Natural Resources Wales** checks bathing water in the area. They rated all areas good to excellent.



Pembrokeshire County Council checks the air quality of the National Park every 3 years.



There are more chemicals from driving and farming. These make the quality of the air worse.

Our goals

1. Conservation

The main things we want to do are:



- **Conserve** the landscape and sea.

Conserve means to protect.



- Protect views.



- Improve wildlife and the **ecosystem**.

The **ecosystem** means nature and wildlife working together.



- Look after species that are important in Pembrokeshire.



- Reduce the effects of **light pollution** on wildlife.



- Protect and improve soil health.



- We will make it easier for animals to move around the land.



- We will protect important sites that tell the story of the earth's history.

2. Connection

The main things we want to do are:



- Protect and improve areas of historic interest and **Conservation Areas**. These areas are important to the environment or history.



- Promote the Welsh language and culture.



- Help more young people enjoy the Park.



- Make it easier for more people to enjoy being outside. Including disabled people and people from different backgrounds.



- Keep water quality excellent at bathing beaches.

3. Climate and natural resources

The main things we want to do are:



- Halve the amount of harmful gases we produce by 2030. Be **net-zero** by 2050.



- Respond to the effects of climate change.



- Protect and improve the health of soil.



- Reduce pollution from chemicals.



- Improve the water quality of our rivers, lakes, and the sea.

4. Communities

The main things we want to do are:



- Provide a range of homes to support local communities.



- Support a range of job chances.



- Make projects to help people who have less money or fewer chances. Mainly children and families.



- Buy things in a way that helps local businesses.



- Improve transport and travel options.



- Make sure people can use local community services.



What happens next



We will work with partners and communities to make this plan happen. We will also check how well it is working.



We will share reports on how the plan is working. The reports will show what has gone well and what we have learnt.



We will ask partners to use this plan for their own plans. And to share what they have done.

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Hard words

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This means protect.

Ecosystem

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