



# Welcome to Wild Ingleborough

What is Wild Ingleborough and the Access to Nature Fund?



Wild Ingleborough is a partnership between Natural England's Ingleborough National Nature Reserve team, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, The University of Leeds, WWF-UK, The United Bank of Carbon and The Woodland Trust, working to restore habitats for wildlife around Ingleborough in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

## “A vision for a wilder future”

The partnership is undertaking landscape-scale restoration of wildlife from the valley floor to the top of the mountain. This will aid nature's recovery in this part of North Yorkshire by supporting low intensity farming and helping wildlife to be more resilient in the face of the climate emergency and other pressures.



Our Community Engagement programme supports visitors from local communities and the wider region, to experience our beautiful landscape in sensitive and *sustainable* ways, and which encourage respect for the landscape and its (human and non-human) residents. As part of this programme, the Wild Ingleborough - Access to Nature Fund is available to support groups who experience barriers to accessing the countryside to enjoy visits to Ingleborough and the surrounding areas during 2025.

### What could the funding do for you?

When planning your visit to the Ingleborough area, you may already have your own ideas about what your group would like to do – but here are some suggestions in case you need a bit of help getting started:

- Discover the Yorkshire Dales on foot, either self-guided or with an expert guide.
- Marvel at natural wonders, from caves to waterfalls.
- Uncover local history and heritage at historical sites nestled in the landscape.
- Experience hill farming up close with a visit to a working farm.

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### Helpful links to explore possibilities:

- [Things to do - Yorkshire Dales National Park : Yorkshire Dales National Park](#)
- [Visit the Yorkshire Dales - Stay & Experience True Beauty](#)
- [Wildflower meadows in the Yorkshire Dales | YDMT](#)

### Accessible trails:

For stile-free, buggy and wheelchair-accessible routes, the Yorkshire Dales National Park has put together this guide: <https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/plan-your-visit/essential-information/access-for-all/miles-without-stiles/>

### Seasonal wildlife specials:

#### Spring:

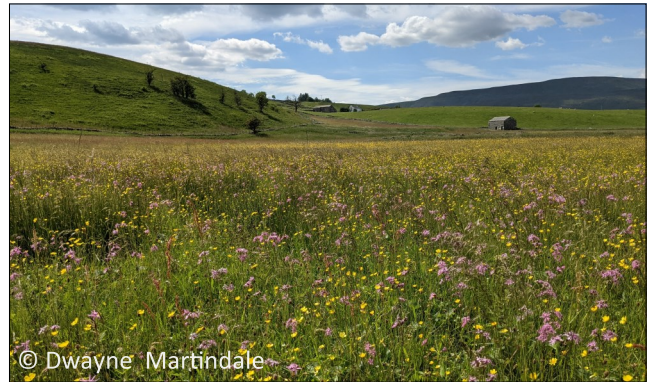
- Enjoy spotting the signs of spring from buds on trees, early flowers beginning bloom and sound of lambs bleating.
- Try your luck at bird-watching as Ingleborough's many resident and summer species begin their breeding season.

#### Summer:

- Wander through wildflower meadows to take in the sights, scents and sounds. How many different flowers can you spot?

#### Autumn:

- Spot the colourful presence of fungi in an array of colours across grass and woodlands.
- Look out for flocks of winter migrant birds, such as fieldfares, redwings and starlings, feeding on the abundant berries on the scrubby limestone pavement.



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### How to Connect with Nature During Your Visit:

- ◆ **Discover Local Wildlife:** Ahead of your visit, download some free apps to help you identify what's around you. [MERLIN](#) is great for identifying birds and learning about their calls, and [Seek by iNaturalist](#) can tell you about plants, trees and other living organisms.
- ◆ **Get Creative with Nature:** Express your connection to nature through art. Create a [nature mandala](#), sketch what inspires you, or capture wildlife from different perspectives through photography. [Wildlife Watch](#) has loads of great ideas for things to do during or after your visit.
- ◆ **Be curious and reflect:** Pause to reflect on how being in nature makes you feel. Write down key words or thoughts about your experience.

To begin the application process, please complete a pre-application questionnaire to check your eligibility and determine any additional support needs.