

# Wild Ingleborough

## Access to Nature Fund



At Wild Ingleborough we believe that **everyone** should get the opportunity to feel connected to our beautiful landscape and its wildlife. The Wild Ingleborough Access to Nature Fund is designed to help people from disadvantaged or marginalised groups to overcome whatever barriers they face in accessing Ingleborough (and its surrounding areas).

### ACCESS FUND OBJECTIVES

- Enabling communities who experience barriers to accessing the countryside to enjoy visits to Ingleborough, and helping them connect with the landscape and the natural world around them.
- Understanding what steps can be taken to support a more diverse range of people to enjoy Ingleborough.
- Encouraging participants to learn about the diverse and special wildlife of Ingleborough and the surrounding area.

#### In the past, the Access Fund has supported:

- Groups representing people from BAME communities
- Asylum seeker and refugee support groups
- Young carers
- Disability support groups
- Scout groups and youth groups from disadvantaged urban areas
- A Pupil Referral Unit
- Primary schools with a high number of children receiving free school meals

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE FUNDING?

It's for any group who are not able to freely access the Yorkshire Dales; this may be for a variety of reasons. We are looking to fund groups no more than 2 hours travel distance away to minimise environmental impact and ensure you have sufficient time to visit.

#### Who can apply\*:

- Voluntary community organisation, club or group with a bank account
- Registered charity
- Charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)
- Not-for-profit company
- Community interest company (CIC)
- Community benefit society
- Schools and other educational establishments
- Scouting groups

#### Who cannot apply:

- Sole traders
- Organisations based outside the UK

- One organisation applying on behalf of another
- Companies that pay profits to directors, shareholders or members (including Companies Limited by Shares)

\*If you have previously received an Access Fund grant, you may reapply, but if we receive a high number of applications priority will be given to new applicants.

## REQUIREMENTS

- Public liability insurance and appropriate risk assessments
- An Equal Opportunities policy
- A Safeguarding policy if working with children, young people or vulnerable adults.

## HOW CAN THE FUNDING BE SPENT?

Barriers to access may be financial, physical or social, and the fund can be used to overcome these barriers in different ways.

### We can fund:

- Equipment, materials and clothing
- Guide leaders
- One-off events/room-bookings
- Staff/consultant costs directly related to the project
- Training costs
- Transport
- Entrance fees/parking costs
- Accommodation (for supervised groups only i.e. where a group leader is staying with the group and overseeing the visit)
- Volunteer expenses

### We cannot fund:

- Contingency costs, loans, endowments or interest
- Profit-making or fundraising activities
- VAT you can reclaim
- Statutory activities
- Political activities
- Any items or staff costs unrelated to your project

## GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS

We want to help you to get the best out of the Access to Nature Fund, and use it to experience the best our area has to offer. In the first instance, please complete the pre-application questionnaire and we will be in touch once we have received it. You will then receive an application form which needs to be returned to us **before midnight on March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025**.

We aim to make the application process as accessible as possible. If you would find it easier to make an application via video or voice recording, please get in touch with our Community Engagement Office, Ellie Parker at [ellie.parker@ywt.org.uk](mailto:ellie.parker@ywt.org.uk).

**The application window is open from January 13<sup>th</sup> 2025 until 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025.**