

Peak District MTB is an advocacy group run by volunteers, that aims to preserve, improve and promote mountain biking within the Peak District National Park.

Since our formation in 2013, we've successfully campaigned against inappropriate Council repairs to countryside byways, helped raise £75,000 for Cut Gate maintenance and opened up new access under our 22% Campaign.

Peak District MTB performs regular trail maintenance, working with Peak District National Park, Staffordshire Wildlife Trust and others. With the help of many mountain biking volunteers, giving up their free time, we've put in a colossal amount of work over the years, sustaining and improving the paths we love to ride.

**1,272** volunteer hours

**3,931** metres of trail

**15** trails

During 2013 - 2020. Approximations.

## Paths with access rights for mountain bikers



### Bridleway

#### OS MAP SYMBOLS

On 1:25,000 scale map

On 1:50,000 scale map

Permissive



### Restricted Byway

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On 1:25,000 scale map

On 1:50,000 scale map

Possibly restricted byway or BOAT



### Byway open to all traffic (BOAT)

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Possibly restricted byway or BOAT

On some signs the "official" way-marking symbols are not used. Sometimes a horseshoe symbol is used on bridleway signs.

Additional paths may also have been granted from MTB use, but might not be shown on OS maps

## Conduct for Mountain Biking

Respect other path users and the local community: Be nice, say Hi!

Stick to appropriate paths and follow advice and signs.

Control your speed to match the path: Slow down for corners and confined areas where there's a limited view of what's ahead.

Take extra care around dogs and small children: they may unexpectedly run in front of you if they're uncontrolled.

Take extra care around horses: Slow down. Make your presence known clearly and early. Try and keep a distance of at least 2m.

Leave gates as you find them (or as signs say). If in doubt, close it. Take your litter home.

Ensure you are prepared for your ride and the unexpected. Take appropriate clothes and waterproofs for the conditions, map/GPS, spare food and water, spare inner tube.

Email us to get involved at: [info@peakdistrictmtb.org](mailto:info@peakdistrictmtb.org)

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RIDE REPAIR CARE



## Bridleway Trail Maintenance

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## Elmin Pits Farm, Hope Valley, Derbyshire

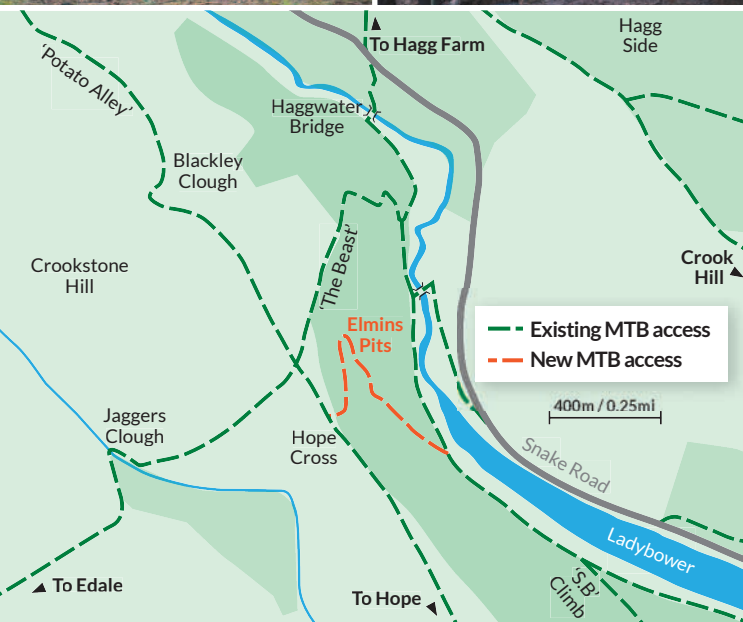
Peak District MTB have been working with Severn Trent Water to increase access for mountain biking around Ladybower and Upper Derwent Valley.

Our first step was in renovating an existing footpath section and an undedicated trail, to create a new 900m trail as a right of way with mountain bike access.

Located near to the rocky descent from Hope Cross, more commonly known to MTBers as 'The Beast', it is envisioned as a climb up onto the ridge. Which opens up many more exciting route options to an area with many popular descents.

And whilst it makes a great climb, it may also serve as a chilled-out, less technical descent and make a useful alternative to The Beast for novices.

Many volunteers have joined us to help with the work, with most dig days attracting around 15 people.



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## Whinstone Lee Tor, Hope Valley, Derbyshire

Whinstone Lee Tor to Cutthroat Bridge is a high traffic bridleway and its popularity had led to what was once a thread of singletrack across the resilient gritstone surface widening to around 5m in parts and on to fragile peat moor. Restoration work has been completed over more than 1000m of path. With volunteers adding drains and consolidating the line into one rideable / walkable line on a durable surface. Whilst keeping interesting and challenging natural feature, with an enjoyable undulating flow to the trail.

Our volunteers' work on the upper sections was complimented by substantial drainage and restoration works on the permanently boggy lower section by professional contractors of Moor for the Future Partnership.

## Derwent Edge

A regular candidate for light maintenance, most of our work is sustaining water run off to prevent deep puddling and surface erosion on the path.

## Gores - Derwent

Where several small streams crossed the path, we uncovered, unblocked and rebuilt the original stone slabbed drains. Preventing water flowing along the trail.

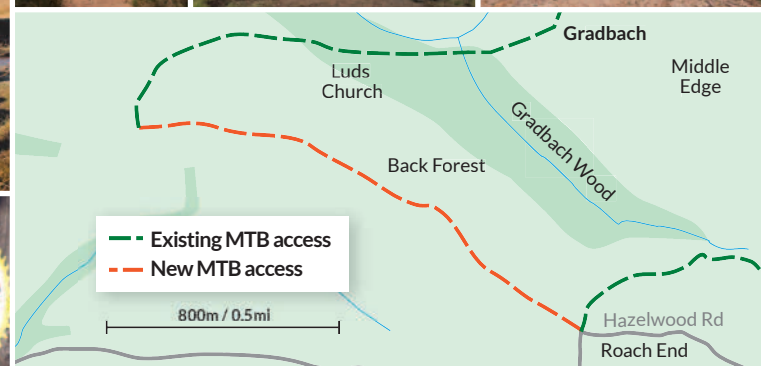
## Mam Tor - Edale

Since 2009, mountain bikers have been undertaking substantial, yet subtle, maintenance works to the three bridleways on northern slopes of the ridge.



## Gradbach and High Forest, The Roaches, Staffordshire

Working with Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, Peak District MTB have opened a new permissive cycleway at High Forest. This has gone hand-in-hand with regular maintenance, such as on the Gradbach permissive bridleway. Where our volunteers have done a huge amount of work to reinstate the original line of the path. Clearing back rushes, building numerous drains, carting up tonnes of local material to build up the levels and even a spot of drystone walling!



## Cut Gate - Howden, Langsett

Over two years Peak District MTB, Ride Sheffield and Keeper of the Peak led the campaign raising £75,000 for this high moorland bridleway as part of the BMC's Mend Our Mountains campaign. This enables the funding of professional restoration work by Moor for the Future partnership.

