What is the National Park Partnership Plan?

The National Park Partnership Plan is the overarching guide for how all those with a role in looking after the National Park will work together over the next five years. Through the plan we hope to ensure a successful, sustainable future for this iconic place while also delivering big benefits for the whole of Scotland.

This summary highlights our long term vision and outcomes for each of our key objectives of Conservation & Land Management, Visitor Experience and Rural Development.

To find out more visit our website: www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/PartnershipPlan
“The National Park Partnership Plan 2018-2023 sets out an ambitious vision for further widening the environmental, social and economic benefits of the Park over the next five years.

This will require collaboration between a wide range of organisations, communities and businesses, with the National Park Authority leading the way. “

Roseanna Cunningham MSP
Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform
Conservation & Land Management

Our vision

Nature, heritage and land are valuable assets, managed and enhanced to provide multiple benefits for all.
What we want to achieve

**Outcome 1: Natural Capital**

The Park’s natural resources are enhanced for future generations: important habitats are restored and better connected on a landscape scale.

**Priority 1.1: Habitats**

**Priority 1.2: Species**

**Outcome 2: Landscape Qualities**

The Park’s special landscape qualities and sense of place are conserved and enhanced with more opportunities to enjoy and experience them.

**Priority 2.1: Landscape & Heritage**
**Outcome 3: Climate Change**

The natural environment of the Park is better managed to help mitigate and address the impacts of climate change.

*Priority 3.1: Climate Change*

**Outcome 4: Land Partnerships**

New landscape-scale partnerships deliver better integrated management of the land and water environment, providing multiple benefits for nature and people.

*Priority 4.1: Integrated Land Management*
Visitor Experience

Our vision

There is a high quality, authentic experience for people from all backgrounds. There are many opportunities to enjoy recreation activities and appreciate the area’s outstanding natural and cultural heritage.
What we want to achieve

Outcome 5: Recreation Opportunities

The National Park has a wide variety of well promoted and managed outdoor recreation opportunities providing for a range of abilities and interests.

Priority 5.1: Path Provision
Priority 5.2: Path Maintenance
Priority 5.3: Active Travel

Outcome 6: Water Recreation

There are more opportunities to enjoy water-based recreation and sporting activities across the Park’s lochs, rivers and coasts while maximising safety for all users and protecting the quality of water environments.

Priority 6.1: Water Facilities
Priority 6.2: Waterbus Network
Priority 6.3: Water Recreation
**Outcome 7: Visitor Economy**

The Park’s visitor economy is thriving with more businesses and organisations working together to create a world-class destination.

- **Priority 7.1: Growing Tourism Markets**
- **Priority 7.2: Connectivity**

**Outcome 8: Visitor Management**

The most popular parts of the National Park which experience pressures are managed to ensure that the quality of environment, visitor experience and community life are protected and enhanced.

- **Priority 8.1: Visitor Management**
- **Priority 8.2: Public Transport**

**Outcome 9: Health & Learning**

People from a wider range of backgrounds are enjoying, valuing and helping manage the National Park. It is used more as a place for people to realise the personal health and wellbeing benefits of connecting with nature.

- **Priority 9.1: Health Improvement**
- **Priority 9.2: Engagement & Learning**
Rural Development

Our vision

In the National Park businesses and communities thrive and people live and work sustainably in a high quality environment.
What we want to achieve

Outcome 10: Placemaking
The National Park’s towns, villages and countryside are enhanced with investment in the built and historic environment, public spaces and infrastructure.

Priority 10.1: Improving Towns & Villages
Priority 10.2: Built Heritage
Priority 10.3: Improved Resilience

Outcome 11: Sustainable Growth
The rural economy has been strengthened through sustainable business growth and diversification.

Priority 11.1: Low Carbon Economy
Priority 11.2: Rural Diversification
Priority 11.3: Infrastructure for Business Growth
Priority 11.4: Broadband & Mobile Coverage
Outcome 13: Community Empowerment

The Park’s communities are supported to influence and deliver actions that improve their quality of life and place.

Priority 13.1: Supporting Capacity of Community Organisations

Priority 13.2: Supporting Community-led Action

Priority 13.3: Supporting Partnership Working

Outcome 12: Sustainable Population

Population decline is being addressed by attracting and retaining more skilled working age and young people within the National Park and a better range of housing options.

Priority 12.1: Skills & Training

Priority 12.2: Affordable Housing

Priority 12.3: Local Services
The following 14 key indicators will be used to establish whether the National Park Partnership Plan is delivering what it has set out to achieve.

The Park Authority and its partners will track and report on the Indicators of Success. They will provide a regular snapshot of progress and be used to continually refine delivery against our outcomes.

1. **Area of new woodland**
   - 2000 hectares of woodland expansion by 2023

2. **Area and condition of restored peatland**
   - 2000 hectares of restored peatland by 2023

3. **Percentage of designated sites in favourable condition**
   - Increase from 2017 baseline of 76% of designated site features to 80% by 2023

4. **Percentage of water bodies achieving at least good ecological condition.**
   - Increase from 2016 baseline of 44% to 59% by 2023

5. **Proportion of people travelling to and around the National Park by public or active transport**
   - Reduce proportion arriving by car from 2015/16 Visitor Survey baseline of 85%
   - Reduce proportion exploring by car from 2015/16 Visitor Survey baseline of 62%
   - Increase proportion exploring by foot, water and bike from the 2015/16 Visitor Survey
6. Proportion of people taking part in active recreation
   Increase from 2015/16 Visitor Survey baselines of 24% for active sport and 49% for low-level walking

7. Overall value of the visitor economy
   Increase from 2016 STEAM baseline of £340m by 2023

8. Reported public experience of the Park’s settlements and landscapes
   Increase in proportion of people reporting a good quality experience

9. Number of volunteers and volunteer hours
   Increase by 20% from the 2017/18 baseline by 2023

10. Number of young people having an outdoor learning experience in the National Park
    At least 2500 young people per year over the Plan period

11. Number of new homes built and proportion of affordable homes
    375 homes over the Plan period with a minimum of 25% being affordable

12. Number of projects delivering well-designed, sustainable places
    Delivery in 3 communities per year of the Plan

13. Number of community-identified projects delivered
    Delivery of 3 projects per Community Action Plan by 2023

14. Number of new skills development opportunities from projects in the National Park
    Increase opportunities in the National Park over the Plan period
For more information on our National Park Partnership Plan please visit our website:
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