

Moorland fires can burn through the peat and release previously stored carbon into the atmosphere, adding to climate change.



Moorland post-wildfire



**PROTECT
OUR PEAKS**

HOW YOU CAN HELP TO PREVENT MOORLAND FIRES

- Don't have barbecues or fires on or near the moors
- Take all your litter home
- Don't smoke on or near the moors
- Follow wildfire instructions on signs all year round
- Share messages of wildfire prevention
- Phone 999 if you spot a suspected wildfire – don't assume someone else has reported it.

Moors for the Future Partnership researches, restores and raises awareness of blanket bogs in the Peak District and South Pennines.



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BE FIRE AWARE PROTECT OUR PEAKS



**NO BBQS OR FIRES
ON THE MOORS**

Small sparks can start huge fires

*You can help prevent them:
NEVER light campfires or BBQs and
NEVER smoke on the moors*



BE FIRE AWARE

The moorlands of the Peak District and South Pennines are globally important, but the frequency of moorland wildfires appears to be increasing, partly as a result of climate change and human activity.

Healthy Peatlands:

- Store water and carbon
- Improve drinking water quality
- Play a part in reducing the risk of floods
- Provide homes for unique wildlife
- Are places for all of us to enjoy.

A wildfire can undo all this good work in hours.

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Healthy moorland

Nest destroyed by wildfire

Devastated landscape

Did you know?

Moorland fires devastate wildlife

Moorland fires devastate wildlife. A wildfire destroys everything in its path, from birds and animals to plants. Many wildfires happen in early springtime, when many moorland birds are nesting on the ground. In April 2025, the peatland fire at the Goyt Valley destroyed many nests and eggs of precious ground-nesting birds.



Battling a wildfire

Even after a lot of wet weather, it only takes an hour for grasses to dry out to a point when they will catch fire on warm or windy days.

Moorland fires start easily with just the smallest flame or heat source. Barbeques, campfires, cigarettes and even glass bottles can ignite grasses quickly. Visitors enjoying the moors may not realise that they have started a fire. Although they put their fire out, the peat may be burning underground, unseen, underground for days or weeks before re-emerging to ignite the surface.

Putting out a wildfire is difficult and expensive, and can put firefighters in danger.



Mountain Hare



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