

Forest of Bowland Sustainable Tourism Visitor code

By following this code and the Countryside Code, you can help to look after the splendid countryside you have come to visit and keep it special for others and for your next visit.

1. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

In the Forest of Bowland we take our recycling very seriously, as we hope you do at home! Say no to packaging where possible, especially plastic bags. You will find recycling banks in most main car parks across the area. In the Forest of Bowland we work hard to recycle all we can. Please help us by making use of the recycling system in your accommodation, and asking for one if you can't find it.

2. Reduce car traffic: walk, cycle or use public transport

Walking and cycling are great ways to see the area without adding to traffic. Use public transport where possible to travel to your start point, but try exploring near to where you are staying - there are some fantastic places to see right on your doorstep! Ask your accommodation provider for details.

3. Stay Local, Eat Local, Buy Local, See Local

Support local producers and services - this way your visit has a real benefit to the communities of the Forest of Bowland. And you get to see and taste the real quality that the Forest of Bowland offers. Visit farm shops, village stores, pubs, cafes, garden centres and craft shops. Much of our distinctive culture is evident in the community events which happen throughout the year and are well worth supporting. Support local environmental projects by contributing to the Bowland Tourism and Environment Fund.

4. Chill out - switch off....

Enjoy a fabulous, light touch holiday - switch off lights and dripping taps; use the voluntary laundry card scheme where you see it, so that only towels that really need washing are laundered; every single effort helps protect and enhance our beautiful environment. It takes a moment and it's all worth it!

5. Follow the Countryside Code: respect - protect - enjoy.

The Countryside Code reminds visitors to protect plants and animals; take litter away; leave gates and property as you find them; keep dogs under close control; consider other people and users when visiting the countryside.