

## A new Management Plan 2012 to 2022



**“To increase the use of the Tarka Trail with an accompanying increase in economic and social benefit, and to ensure the entire Trail is an exemplar of sustainable management”**

*Our shared vision for the Trail for the next ten years.*

### **Our objectives:**

To increase people’s recognition of the entire 163 mile Trail and to broaden appeal beyond the 31 miles between Braunton and Meeth

To increase user numbers over the entire route, especially beyond the Braunton to Meeth section.

To further develop the Trail’s use as a social resource by encouraging its use to support volunteering and social programmes.

Improve the Trail’s environmental and quality and cultural resource

For the Trail to bring more benefit to the local economy

Bring in additional investment to deliver these objectives

Improve community engagement with Trail management





## The Trail

**163 miles** (262.2km) of walking through some of the best landscapes in Devon.

**18 miles** rail service between Barnstaple and Eggesford Station on the Tarka Line.

**31 miles** promoted for cycling on an old railway route between Braunton and Meeth, with the **10.4 mile** section leading north from open to and promoted for horse riding.

The new management Plan for the 163 mile Tarka Trail has been developed and agreed jointly by those directly involved with maintaining and improving it. Full list at [www.northdevonbiosphere.org.uk/tarkatrail](http://www.northdevonbiosphere.org.uk/tarkatrail)

It sets out significant management issues and policies to address them together with actions needed to deliver improvement. It provides a firm basis for partnership building, consultation and openness, and for bringing in additional funds.

Over **1 million people** used the Trail in 2011 it and is a key contributor to the tourism economy of northern Devon.

Throughout its length provides **valuable habitat** for wildlife and a space for **recreation and community involvement**



**The Tarka Trail is one of the County's network of 12 Strategic Regional Routes.** These routes are second only to National Trails in terms of their importance for the County and are deemed worthy of additional management coordination.