

The Partnership

Wild Ennerdale is a partnership of people and organisations led by the Forestry Commission, National Trust, United Utilities and Natural England.

The Wild Ennerdale Partners are allowing the landscape to evolve naturally by reducing human intervention and invite you to explore this unique valley and experience its special sense of wildness.



BBC Countryfile visits Ennerdale

In early February, the team from BBC Countryfile spent a day filming in Ennerdale on the theme of 'Wild Britain'. The programme was shown on the 19th February and featured presenter Ellie Harrison following up a number of stories around the valley including orienteering, Galloway cattle, the River Liza, juniper planting with volunteers and Tom Rawlings book 'How Hall'.

Many thanks to all involved on the day and for the lovely sunshine and snow capped mountain peaks which formed a stunning backdrop!



Ellie, Volunteers and BBC Film Crew.

Wild Events and Activities

We have over 30 exciting and varied events planned for this year. Some are popular repeats of previous years events, others are new for 2012. Why not join us for a photo themed guided walk, wild lake canoeing, orienteering or wool crafts. The popular Easter Trail is on Friday 6th April and is a great event for families.

For more details and booking information look out for posters in the valley's car parks, local tourist information centres or visit wildennerdale.co.uk/events



Help us grow an Easter Egg Tree.

Squirrel Woodlands

Funded by Original Buff, S.A. our Squirrel Woodlands project has been building up over the Winter. With our volunteers we have planted over 6000 native trees including oak and birch to extend our unique "rain forest" like oak woodlands.

We have nearly completed a network of 240 traps to catch Grey Squirrels across the valley's forests and will be starting a three month programme of Grey Squirrel trapping after Easter. If you see a Red or Grey Squirrel in or around the Ennerdale Valley please let us know by filling in our Squirrel sighting form at wildennerdale.co.uk/squirrels.



Planting trees on Heckbarley

Wild Orienteering

To help restore more natural habitats we have been removing fences in the valley bottom which has opened up new opportunities for people to enjoy activities and explore the valley free from obstacles.

Wild Ennerdale has been working with the West Cumberland Orienteering Club to provide new orienteering courses suitable for beginners and the more experienced. A big thank you to Peter Nelson for his time and expertise in mapping and planning the routes.



Orienteering near Woundell Beck

The new guide and maps can be downloaded free from wildennerdale.co.uk/orienteering and will soon be available to buy from local tourist information centres.

Mire Restoration

Mires are very wet places where peat and sphagnum mosses develop over many centuries. They are really important habitats for wildlife and are great at soaking up carbon helping to reduce climate change.

A big thanks to Simon and Paul from Cumbria Wildlife Trust for surveying Gillerthwaite Mire. With their help over the coming years we hope to restore this valley bottom mire now that most of the conifers have been felled.



Measuring peat depth on Gillerthwaite Mire

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