

25 years of National Lottery love for the UK's great outdoors

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25 amazing outdoors adventures are included in a new guide celebrating the National Lottery's 25th Birthday. Where will you go?

Since 1994, more than £550million of National Lottery funding has been invested in over [9,220 nature projects](#), making sure the UK's special wild places are safeguarded, full of life and open to people across the country.

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-Helen Skelton, Countryfile presenter

A new Great Outdoors guide

The National Lottery’s [Guide to 25 Amazing Outdoor Adventures](#) has been released today to celebrate this 25 years of love for the UK’s great outdoors.



Loch Lomond, Scotland

It highlights a range of outdoors activities in 25 breathtaking locations, from rugged coastlines and mountain footpaths to spectacular nature reserves, parks and forests.

Together, the projects in the guide have received more than £59million National Lottery investment.

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- Drew Bennellick, Head of Landscapes and Nature for The National Lottery Heritage Fund

Discover your next adventure

Countryfile presenter and outdoor enthusiast, Helen Skelton, recently climbed to the summit of [Ben Nevis](#), the UK's highest peak and one of the locations in the guide:

[Video transcript](#)

She said: "National Lottery players have contributed so much to the UK's amazing and varied landscapes."

"I am a huge supporter of people experiencing the great outdoors for themselves. 'The National Lottery's [Guide to 25 Amazing Outdoor Adventures](#)' will hopefully inspire people to discover their next adventure."

Looking after our precious landscapes

Drew Bennellick, Head of Landscapes and Nature for The National Lottery Heritage Fund, said: "Looking after our landscapes and reconnecting people with nature has never been more important."



Bay Cycle Way, Morecambe Bay, Lancashire

"Over the last 25 years, National Lottery funding has had an extraordinary impact on our natural heritage and opened up so many opportunities for people to access the great outdoors."

“These 25 places to visit are just the tip of the iceberg – [we’ve funded thousands of projects](#) protecting our landscapes, parks and green spaces and helping people enjoy the great outdoors – with all the health and wellbeing benefits they bring.”

View the guide

The National Lottery’s Guide to 25 Amazing Outdoor Adventures is available at www.nationallotterygreatoutdoors25.co.uk.



Hainault Forest, London

25 years of funding for heritage

[Over the past 25 years](#), The National Lottery Heritage Fund has been the largest dedicated grant funder of the UK’s heritage. We’ve awarded £8bn to more than 44,000 projects across the UK.



[Heritage is 25](#)



[Saving the nation's heritage for 25 years](#)