

Wales's New National Park Proposal

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Are you answering this survey as...? *

- Flintshire County Councillor
- Head of Service
- Other FCC staff member

The 2023 Engagement Period

Natural Resources Wales held an engagement period on an initial Area of Search for a National Park in October and November 2023. They carefully considered all the responses before presenting the findings in an engagement report published on their project website.

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During the engagement period in 2023, a number of key themes were identified. In your opinion, which are the most important themes? Select three only *

Please select at most 3 options.

- Landscape conservation, Recognition for the area, Tranquillity
- Wildlife, Agriculture and Land Management, Environment and Sustainability
- Management of Tourism, Public services, and infrastructure
- Questioning the necessity for change, Management and Controls, Costs, Funding, Bureaucracy
- Local people and Communities, Local Economy
- Access issues and Outdoor recreation
- Housing implications
- Culture and Heritage
- Planning implications
- Boundary location

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Would you like to suggest any other themes or add any additional information? Please briefly explain your answer

The Proposed National Park Candidate Area



After detailed evaluation by an independent and experienced landscape consultant, the Candidate Area map identifies the areas that met the statutory criteria for a National Park. Please refer to the Candidate Area map and summary of evidence report which is available to view on the website and at the events. The Candidate Area map Natural Resources Wales are consulting on is the refinement of the Area of Search 2023. This refinement took into consideration all comments raised in the 2023 engagement period and the technical assessment work in 2024. Some areas originally in the Area of Search have been excluded and two additional areas included. The summary of evidence report provides information on the decisions made.

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Do you agree with the conclusions that this area has natural beauty? Select one only *

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Unsure
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

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Is there any other important information Natural Resources Wales should include in their assessment of natural beauty? If yes, please give further details

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Do you agree with the conclusions that this area has opportunities for open air recreation? Select one only *

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Unsure
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

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Is there any other important information we should include in our assessment of opportunities for open air recreation? If yes, please give further details

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Do you think the area proposed should be a National Park? Select one only *

- Yes
- Yes, but with modifications to the proposed boundary
- No
- Don't know

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To what extent do you agree with where the proposed National Park boundary has been drawn? Select one only *

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Unsure

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Do you have any other comments about the Candidate Area boundary?

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If a National Park is established, then it would require a new Name. Working with partners Natural Resources Wales have identified two options. **Bryniau Clwyd a'r Berwyn:** Clwyd recalls the name of the local government area 1974- 96. Bryniau Clwyd is the mountain chain from Prestatyn to the Dee Valley and recalls the medieval cantref of Dyffryn Clwyd. Berwyn is a historic name for the chain of mountains extending south from the Dee Valley. Together they describe the geographical extent of the Candidate area well. **Glyndŵr:** Owain Glyndŵr lived within the Candidate area at Sycharth. A variant of his name, Glyndyfrdwy is one of the constituent regions of the park. He was the last Prince of Wales who led a rebellion in 1400 and by 1404 had established rule over the whole country. When his strongholds were recaptured, Glyndŵr disappeared and acquired a mythical status as the Mab Darogan, who will one day return. Glyndŵr also recalls the name of the local government area 1974-96.

Please select the one you prefer or suggest your own.

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- Park Cenedlaethol - Bryniau Clwyd a'r Berwyn - National Park
- Park Cenedlaethol - Glyndŵr - National Park
- Other

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If other, please specify with a short justification if possible:

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Are there any other comments you wish to add on the proposal for a new National Park?

Welsh Language Considerations

We would like to know your views on the effects of this proposal might have on the Welsh language, as follows:

- Opportunities for people to use Welsh language
- Treating the Welsh language, no less favourably than the English language

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What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

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Please also explain how you believe this proposal could be formulated or changed to have:

- Positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language
- No adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language

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