

HOW YOU CAN HELP

REPORT ANY UNATTENDED FIRES IMMEDIATELY

DIAL 999 AND ASK FOR THE FIRE SERVICE, GIVING YOUR EXACT LOCATION AND GRID REFERENCE, AND IF POSSIBLE ALERT THE NEAREST DWELLING



REMEMBER

SMALL FIRES GROW VERY QUICKLY AND MUST BE REPORTED

WE ALL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT OUR COUNTRYSIDE

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MOOR FACTS

- The Peak District moors support internationally significant numbers of rare birds such as breeding merlin and dunlin.
- Over 5km² of Peak District moorland is badly eroded after fire damage
- More CO₂ is released by peat erosion than is given off by all the cars in the UK

FIRESTOPPERS

08000 28 66 27

Confidential reporting of deliberate fire setters: where they were - what they looked like - time and date

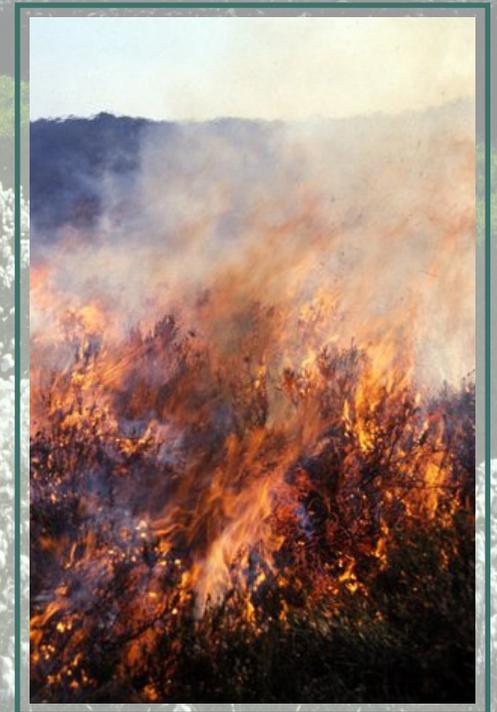
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Further information is available at local fire stations and at

www.moorsforthefuture.org.uk
www.peakdistrict.org

FIRE

KILLS



MOORS FOR THE FUTURE



PARTNERSHIP

AN UNCONTROLLED MOORLAND FIRE IS AN ECOLOGICAL DISASTER

WILDERNESS?

Many think that the heather moorland of the Peak District is a wild landscape, however it is managed by carefully planned, small-scale burning to encourage fresh shoots of heather where it has grown old. Trained gamekeepers undertake this light surface burning during the wetter winter months to ensure a diversity of habitats that moorland birds, mammals and livestock rely on..



Managed burning takes place between 1st October and the 15th April each year

Fires caused by carelessness can have very serious consequences.

CONSEQUENCES

Smouldering cigarette ends, discarded bottles and dropped matches can all cause uncontrolled fires on the moors particularly during the spring and summer. Serious, deep-seated fires can have severe consequences:

- Kills wildlife and livestock
- Destroys vegetation
- Sterilizes the peat preventing regeneration of vegetation
- Accelerates erosion, releasing CO₂ and other chemicals 'locked up' in the peat
- Devastates the landscape



HOW YOU CAN HELP

BE MOOR CAREFUL

Please take your **litter** home, including bottles and broken glass

Take care not to throw **matches** or **cigarette ends** out of your car or stub them out in moorland vegetation or peat

www.buttsandgum.com supply ashtray pouches for disposing of cigarette ends

Please **do not light fires** on moorlands not even gas stoves or barbeques

Extinguish small fires you see only if safe to do so

Respect all warning signs

Be **vigilant** - tell and advise others