

## Managing Outdoor Events and their Impacts

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A copy of the conference proceedings publication is also included in the price

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Countryside Recreation Network

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**Wednesday 16th June 2010  
Centre in the Park at Norfolk Heritage Park,  
Sheffield**

### Who should attend?

Countryside managers, event organisers and policy staff involved in providing and managing routes, trails and events in rural and urban countryside where formal and unplanned events are a feature.

There are 50 places available for this seminar

Delegate Fee: £150

### Chair

Geoff Hughes, Independent Chair of the  
Countryside Recreation Network

**For CMA members, this event attracts 10  
Continued Professional Development (CPD) points**

## Background

The way in which people use the countryside continues to change. As part of our concern as a society to improve peoples quality of life, to address the rising tide of obesity and to provide a sense of adventure there are a wide range of promoted routes and events being made available.

Attempts to broaden the range of visitors and to take them to places they would perhaps never visit brings with it responsibilities to the users themselves but also to the environment and the people who live and work in the countryside.

Recent growth in the provision of managed routes and trails and the organisation of large scale charity events requires countryside managers and event organisers to deploy a wide range of skills to satisfy the needs of participants. They also require managers and organisers to reconcile conflicts with the environment and to recognise the interests of other users who may see none of the benefits but only the aggravation of large numbers of people often in an unfamiliar environment. In addition to skills in logistics and safety management providers and organisers must also be able to understand and manage the issues that arise from intensive use when a large volume of visits is concentrated at specific sites.

## Aims of the event

The aims of the event are to:

- help providers, managers and policymakers understand contemporary patterns of rural recreation and the implications for countryside management;
- identify the safety issues arising from the growth of large scale events;
- present practical solutions for managing the environmental effects of concentrated recreational visits;
- introduce delegates to the practical application of environmental impact assessment;
- provide advice on the social issues that arise when communities are affected by intensive use of their local countryside.

## Draft Programme

- 09:30 *Registration and Refreshments*
- 10:00 Introduction and welcome by Chair
- 10:15 **Events Guidance: A National Park Perspective** Bob Grant, Cairngorms National Park Authority
- 10:45 **Safety and Litigation aspect of Charity events, guided walks etc** John Ireland and Jon Wayte, Visitor Safety in the Countryside Group
- 11:15 *Refreshments*
- 11:30 **Practical aspects of managing guided walks, trails and events in sensitive environments** David Switzer, Lake District National Park Authority
- 12:00 Q&A with morning speakers
- 12:30 *Lunch*
- 13:15 Welcome back and introduction to the afternoon session
- 13:20 **Case Study 1: Management of groups in sensitive environments using the example of Gorge Walking** Joe Roberts, Countryside Council for Wales
- 13:50 **Case study 2: Managing the National Cycle Network** Martyn Brunt, Sustrans
- 14:20 *Refreshments*
- 14:35 **Case study 3: Dublin Mountains Partnership** Bill Murphy, Coillte
- 15:05 **Case study 4: Ministry of Defence - management of the Epynt Way and wider access management** Richard Brooks, Ministry of Defence
- 15:35 Q&A with afternoon speakers
- 16:05 Summary by Chair & close