

North Yorkshire County Council – countryside access service

Proposed path characteristics and scores

Path characteristic		Length of paths with this characteristic (km)	Proposed characteristic score	% of network in each proposed category (Cat)
National trail	As defined by Natural England	88	10	Cat A 15.1%
National cycle network	As defined by Sustrans	260	10	
Safe routes to schools (SRTS)	Rights of way that coincide with the SRTS network. Only included within 3km of secondary schools and 2km of primary schools. Usually surfaced routes providing alternative direct pedestrian / cycle route from population centres to schools avoiding busy roads or roads without a footway. Just that section of the route defined as a SRTS scores ten.	412	10	
Routes within urban areas	Routes mostly within a development limit of service centres or large villages. The whole length of the route scores ten.	162	10	Cat B 21.4%
NYCC promoted routes	A number of routes promoted by NYCC. This list will be subject to review over time.	610	8	
Multi-user trails	Largely barrier free, surfaced strategic routes that can be used by walkers but which are also good for cyclists and horse riders, either linking communities or over 5km in length. For example Nidderdale Greenway.	65	8	
Routes within 1km of urban fringe	Routes that lie within 1km of the development limit of service centres/large villages. The whole route scores eight.	633	8	
Routes within 1km of village centres	Paths that lie within a radius of 1km from a village centre. The whole length of the route scores six.	2,212	6	
Routes within AONBs	As defined by Natural England.	412	6	Cat C 45.9%
Routes along main rivers and canals	As defined by the Environment Agency.	74	6	
Routes avoiding A and B class roads	Routes within 50m of an A or B class road that run parallel and offer an alternative route.	4	6	
Routes onto access land	As defined by Natural England.	103	6	
Other routes	Routes that don't have any of the other characteristics.	1,077	4	Cat D 17.6%
Totals:		6,112		100%