

Why are we saying **NO** to a Galloway National Park?

We want the area to thrive. We also want an area where people can afford to live and have meaningful, well paid employment.

The A75 and A77 are two of Scotland's most important roads but have suffered from years of under investment, which has hampered growth and slowed efforts to improve our environment. The need for that investment has never been clearer if we want to grow our economy and to encourage entrepreneurship and innovation in our rural communities.

You can guarantee this will NEVER happen if our area becomes a National Park.

We already have UNESCO Biosphere, Forest & Land Scotland, NatureScot, South of Scotland Destination Alliance doing the work that a National Park says they will work in partnership with.

Why do we need an extra layer of Governance?
South of Scotland Enterprise should be challenged to do more with their considerable budget and support community projects and the agencies already working on the ground.

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A consultation without information to consult on...

The Government and NatureScot are asking us to consult, but have provided nothing to consult on, apart from a name, the board size and the area of a potential park - really just an idea of what a National Park MIGHT be. The 'survey' is bogus, biased and undemocratic and that is why we are calling for a referendum which Dumfries & Galloway Councillors have supported.

Regardless of how biased the survey is we strongly urge you to participate in it, a link to the survey can be found by visiting nogallowaynationalpark.org

We are being told that a Galloway National Park is for the people of Galloway by the people of Galloway BUT National Parks are run by a park authority, they are directly accountable to Scottish Ministers, NOT the communities the park is located within. In other words,

"You'll do as you're told"

THINK

RESEARCH

DECIDE

PARTICIPATE

HAVE YOUR SAY!

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SAY 'NO'
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Residents of Girvan and South East Ayrshire...

Do you know?

That the area you live in could be re-named to be called...

"The Kingdom of Galloway"

This is one of the names proposed for the Galloway National Park. When you see the name 'Galloway' you might think it doesn't apply to you, but locations such as Girvan plus MANY towns and villages in South and South East Ayrshire could come under the banner of this name.

The Galloway National Park Authority mantra is "Galloway National Park, for people of Galloway by the people of Galloway." But what does this mean for the people of Ayrshire?

We urge you to take part in the NatureScot online survey where you will be asked whether you support or oppose the imposition of the park. A link to the surveys can be found at nogallowaynationalpark.org

Have your say:

Fill in the NatureScot online survey before the deadline of midnight on 14 February 2025

We have researched the benefits and pitfalls of The Cairngorms and Trossachs National Parks.

In the Cairngorms National Park, farmers and crofters had to create their own Board in order to have their voices heard and this year there was a demonstration in Ballater before an authority meeting.

The National Farmers Union Scotland, which also represents crofters in the two National Park areas, found a clear majority of members felt a new park would increase bureaucracy and stifle growth and innovation, increase access-related problems, reduce housing availability for the local population, bring no additional benefits over and above existing policies and legislation. They also fear tourism and visitor access is prioritised ahead of the rural economy and natural environment.

We are being told this National Park could be different, but there is no guarantee and once we become a National Park, there is NO GOING BACK.

Why are we saying **NO** to a Galloway National Park?

We are not being presented with the facts of what a national park will mean to the area, instead we are being lead to believe that it will boost our economy and create jobs, whilst at the same time protecting nature.

Ask yourself this:

- Will bringing in more tourists enhance and protect nature?
- Will bringing in more tourists benefit your life and your community?
- Will providing low paid, seasonal work encourage our young people to stay?
- Will the rise in second homes and short-term lets benefit the housing market?

We are not convinced that one can truly answer 'yes' to any of these questions.

Do National Parks work?

They can, if they are located in an area with little or no human habitation, where nature takes precedence, but not in an area where 70% of the land is farmed, where an arterial 'A' road runs throughout carrying well over 1 million HGV's every year and where around 60,000 people live and work.

We urge you to:

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