





Miles Without Stiles	Disabled Ramblers	Dartmoor National Park
<p><b>Categories</b></p> <p>The Miles Without Stiles categories are for <b>'all', 'many', or 'some'</b> and are based on surface conditions/type, gradients and length of route.</p> <p>Miles Without Stiles are suitable for people of all fitness levels and those with limited mobility, (including wheelchair users where the surface allows), families with pushchairs, and the visually impaired. Some of the routes may also be ideal for young children to cycle on.</p> <p>The routes are graded to show whether they are accessible for <b>'all'</b>, <b>'many'</b> or <b>'some'</b> and are available with maps on DNP website – Accessible Dartmoor page.</p> <p>The grades are a guide only, so please weigh up your route choice carefully.</p>	<p><b>Grading Rambles</b></p> <p>The Disabled Ramblers use a grading description to give members some feeling for the degree of difficulty of the rambles organized or co-ordinated by the Company.</p> <p>There are four categories. Broadly, they represent increasing measures of challenge but the extent of the challenge relates to the type of mobility vehicle used.</p> <p>These definitions are for guidance only, and cannot be regarded as definitive. They take into account path surfaces and general quality of the going and a view of the gradients and cambers likely to be encountered.</p> <p>Broadly these categories map on to the Zone definitions described in the Countryside Agency (now Natural England) publication:</p> <p>“By All Reasonable Means”. Category 1 maps to Zone A, Category 2 maps to Zone B, Category 3 maps to Zone C. Category 4 goes beyond this guidance system.</p>	<p><b>Miles Without Stiles</b> are easy access routes without stiles, steps, or steep gradients. They provide access to amazing places, moorland expanses, forests, reservoirs, dramatic geology, tranquil areas and historic sites.</p> <p>Miles Without Stiles are suitable for people of all fitness levels and those with limited mobility, (including wheelchair users where the surface allows), families with pushchairs, and the visually impaired. Some of the routes may also be ideal for young children to cycle on.</p> <p>The routes are graded to show whether they are accessible for <b>'all'</b>, <b>'many'</b> or <b>'some'</b> and are available with maps on DNP website – Accessible Dartmoor page.</p>

<p><b>Miles Without Stiles</b></p> <p><b>For All</b></p>  <p><b>Suitable for everyone, including pushchairs and people operating their own wheelchairs</b></p> <p>Gradient: No more than 1:12</p> <p>Surface: Tarmac or smooth, compacted stone with a diameter of 10 mm or less.</p> <p>Path width:1.5m, (possible pinch points "e.g., through gates).</p> <p>Camber: Cross slopes will normally be very small, (up to 1 in 12). Occasional cross slopes may be steeper, but there will usually be options around such sections.</p> <p>Path width will be a minimum of 1 metre with passing places.</p> <p>No stiles or steps, some gates.</p>	<p><b>Disabled Ramblers</b></p> <p><b>Category 1</b></p> <p><b>Designed for almost all scooters and buggies, and power-chairs.</b></p> <p>Implies generally high-quality surfaces along the route. The surfaces will be for the most part, smooth and useable in all weather. This means tarmac or good quality crushed stone will predominate.</p> <p>There may be short stretches of rougher path and some seasonal surfaces such as grass or compressed earth. The path will be adequately wide, normal standard of 1.5m, though "pinch points" may occur e.g. gates.</p> <p>Cross slopes will be normally very small, say up to 1 in 12.</p> <p>There will be no steep hills greater than 1 in 12, except perhaps for very short stretches, and the total <i>significant</i> height climbed during the ramble will not exceed 30 metres.</p> <p>Additionally, users of manual chairs may manage the routes provided the rider is either powerfully built with plenty of upper body strength or is assisted by able bodied pushers.</p> <p>The distance travelled along the ramble will usually not exceed 5 miles.</p>	<p><b>Dartmoor National Park</b></p>  <p><b>Access for All</b></p> <p><b>Suitable for everyone, including pushchairs and people operating their own wheelchairs</b></p> <p>Gradients will be no more than 1:12. The surface will be tarmac or compacted stone with a diameter of 10mm or less.</p> <p>Suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs.</p> <p>No stiles or steps, some gates.</p>

## Miles Without Stiles



### For Many

Suitable for assisted wheelchair users, Class 2 scooters and powerchairs, and families with more robust, all-terrain type buggies

Gradient:  
Existing gradients no more than 1:12

Surface:  
possible longer stretches of stony going (stones up to 40mm) beaten earth or grass trackway.

Camber: Up to 1 in 12, (with up to 1 in 8 for short stretches). Small stretches of soft going or stretches involving ruts (up to 40mm) will occasionally be encountered, but usually these may be bypassed.

Category 2 is suitable for most scooters & buggies, particularly those with medium/large sized wheels and adequate batteries (at least 50ah capacity).

Four-wheel machines are recommended, although some 3 wheelers are acceptable, if driven with care. Some heavy-duty power-chairs may be used, if adequately supported by an able-bodied helper who can steady the machine downhill or on cross cambers.

## Disabled Ramblers

### Category 2

Generally good surfaces but allows longer stretches of stony going (stones up to 40mm), beaten earth or grass track-way.

The path will be adequately wide, generally of the order of 1.5m, though a number of narrow stretches down to 1.2m may be present as well as "pinch points" through gates, etc.

Small steps not higher than 40mm may be encountered. Cross slopes will generally be very small, but sections of cambers, say up to 1 in 8, may occur for short stretches.

Small stretches of soft going or stretches involving ruts (up to 40mm) will occasionally be encountered, but usually these may be bypassed.

Hills will generally be no more than 1 in 12, with occasional steeper stretches up to 1 in 8. Total *significant* height climbed may be up to 150 metres in a day.

Category 2 is considered generally suitable for very many scooters and buggies, particularly those with medium size, or large, wheels and adequate batteries (at least 50ah capacity, or preferably 60ah).

Four-wheel machines are recommended, although some 3 wheelers are acceptable, if driven with care. Some heavy-duty power-chairs may be used, if adequately supported by an able-bodied helper who can steady the machine downhill or on cross cambers.

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### Access for Many

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Gradients may be up to 1:8 on newly built sections.

The surfacing will be stone of 4cm diameter or less. Suitable for assisted wheelchairs and more robust, all-terrain type equipment.

Four-wheel machines are recommended, although some 3 wheelers are acceptable, if driven with care. Some heavy-duty power-chairs may be used, if adequately supported by an able-bodied helper who can steady the machine downhill or on cross cambers.

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<p><b>Miles Without Stiles</b></p>  <p><b>For Some</b></p> <p>Strong and confident wheelchair users and helpers may find routes 'for some' within their abilities.</p> <p>May be suitable for some off-road mobility scooters (particularly robust ones such as Trampers).</p> <p><b>Gradient:</b> Gradients are not limited, but slopes greater than 1:8 will have improved surfacing, or handrails</p> <p><b>Surface:</b> There may be some low steps or breaks in the surface up to 10 cm in height. Stone surface material may be up to 10 cm in diameter</p>	<p><b>Disabled Ramblers</b></p> <p><b>Category 3</b></p> <p>Means longer stretches of rough going, with side slopes and some ruts (max depth 100mm). The paths may well be stony tracks with quite large stones (some stones max 100mm) or there may be very wet and soft sections. Occasional steps up to 100mm may be encountered. Cambers may also be correspondingly steeper, sometimes in excess of 1 in 8.</p> <p>Hills may be long and steep, with some stretches even up to 1 in 5, or very occasionally 1 in 4. Total significant height climbed during a day may be up to 300 metres.</p> <p>For users of heavy duty and powerful scooters or buggies only. The distance covered may be highly variable – from 5 miles if along a very hilly route with long steep climbs, up to 8 miles along more level routes.</p> <p>Category 3 routes will present few problems to experienced users of heavy-duty buggies and mobility scooters such as Trampers.</p>	<p><b>Dartmoor National Park</b></p>  <p><b>Access for Some</b></p> <p>Suitable for robust all-terrain type equipment and off-road mobility vehicles.</p> <p>Category 3 routes will present few problems to experienced users of heavy-duty buggies and mobility scooters (such as Trampers).</p> <p><b>Gradient:</b> Gradients are not limited, but slopes greater than 1:8 will have improved surfacing, or handrails</p> <p><b>Surface:</b> There may be some low steps or breaks in the surface up to 10 cm in height. Stone surface material may be up to 10 cm in diameter</p>