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This appendix summarises data on monthly visitor numbers for six largely upland National Parks (Table A3.1).

Table A3.1. Visitor numbers to upland National Parks in millions.

National Park (year)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Exmoor (2017)	0.023	0.035	0.03	0.144	0.165	0.160	0.185	0.253	0.253	0.09	0.52	0.57	2.428
Lake District (2018)	0.69	1.028	1.186	1.622	2.058	1.581	2.416	2.837	2.085	1.399	1.531	0.739	19.172
North York Moors (2017)	0.286	0.379	0.511	0.699	0.772	0.744	0.919	1.152	0.771	0.669	0.427	0.583	7.912
Northumberland (2017)	0.093	0.112	0.081	0.128	0.158	0.188	0.229	0.213	0.140	0.132	0.077	0.053	1.604
Peak District (2018)	0.367	0.515	0.557	1.009	0.954	1.175	1.190	1.166	0.796	0.596	0.596	0.494	9.415
Yorkshire Dales (2017)	0.19	0.32	0.36	0.39	0.52	0.43	0.52	0.73	0.46	0.27	0.37	0.15	4.71
Total	1.649	2.389	2.725	3.992	4.627	4.278	5.459	6.351	4.505	3.156	3.521	2.589	45.241

Data Sources: Global Tourism Solutions (UK) 2017 or 2018 National Park Visitor Data STEAM reports; and Exmoor National Park Authority visitor numbers in 2017.

This provides evidence that visitor numbers to upland National Parks increase significantly in March and April compared to January and February, but larger numbers occur from May to September. Approximately similar number numbers of people visit in November/December as do March/April.

The Lake District has the greatest number of visitors followed by the Peak District and North York Moors, with fewer to the Yorkshire Dales, Exmoor and Northumberland.



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