

Trail riding across Dorset



Why choose an official bike park?



Well maintained, diverse and exciting trails are key for mountain bikers, so we're working with some of our favourite bike parks to bring them to you.

Bike parks are run by trail riders for trail riders, so they know a thing or two. Always seeking to improve facilities, they keep the trails exciting, diverse and in great shape, adding more runs and jumps when they can.

Trails and jumps are regulated, built to official standards and well maintained. Parks frequently have additional facilities like uplifts and cafes to enhance your riding experience. Many have volunteers that help keep things going, allowing you to get really involved and have input on future plans.



Main image: Okeford Devil's Dyke Rooty Corner

Safety is foremost, and official bike parks have this covered for riders and by-standers alike with insurance and safety measures in place. They remove the anxiety of conflict with other trail users like dog walkers or horse riders.

In contrast, there are some unofficial trails on privately owned sites which have been created illegally. They are not built to any safety standards, monitored or maintained and are frequently a danger to trail riders and other site users. There is no insurance for these trails and no safety measures in place.

These trails often run through woodland and the digging can dangerously undermine the trees, creating an added risk to everyone. The terrain and habitat are altered and wildlife displaced.

Photo right: credit Watchmoor Bike Park



If you're unsure as to whether the trails you use are official or not, contact the landowner or look for signage.

If you're interested in liaising with the landowner to discuss future possibilities of working together to create an official trail, get in touch with them. Working together you can achieve more.

Photo left: credit Okeford Hill Bike Park