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**The cycle path through Meldon.**

*Another great way of being able to access Meldon is via the cycle route, can you tell me about that?*

Yes, the cycle routes been really popular, it's a fantastic route for cyclists because obviously you can actually go across two viaducts that until the cycle route was developed you had no access to, one of those is Meldon Viaduct and the other one is Lake Viaduct; there's about ten miles of traffic-free cycle route there that has a very good surface on and is very very popular for families and actually people who haven't cycled for a long time because of course it's fairly flat. It's one of only two traffic-free routes we've got within the National Park and is a very very good tourism resource. Both the railway line and the cycle route have actually changed the way that people use this part of Dartmoor, it gives a fantastic way up onto the high moor, you can access High Willhays and Yes Tor a bit more easily from Meldon than you can from other areas. It also allows people to explore the valley down beneath Meldon which has got some fantastic industrial archaeology, so in terms of a resource for recreation its superb, and it is sustainable tourism, you know, people are arriving at this point by bike or train or bus, which is fantastic.