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Cycling in the forest and picnicking by the river.

The other activity that's really taken off over the last few years has been cycling, and we've worked quite hard with the Forestry Commission to open up Bellever Forest for cycling, we have specific children's trails through the Ranger Ralph packs that we sell in the Information Centres, and they give the children the opportunity to lead the parents on a cycle route so we start to actually get the children thinking about what's on the ground and what's on the map and actually trail reading for themselves, which is quite exciting. People also come to this area for the river, obviously in the summer it's a great spot to bring families for picnics and you'll find people with quite big family groups, you know, grandparents right through to grandchildren and they'll be playing games, playing in the river, just having loads of fun really, and enjoying that special environment that we've got here.