Tamar Valley
National
Landscape



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Tamar Valley National Landscape **An Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan No.6** 2026 - 2031

State of the Tamar Valley National Landscape

Summary

The TVNL covers 190 square kilometres (75 square miles / 19,000 hectares) of rivers, estuaries and countryside. There are 3,668 hectares (22%) of woodland, significantly above the regional average, and 1,688 hectares (10%) of the area is nationally designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) across 7 SSSIs. The estuaries are designated as the Plymouth Sound and Estuaries Special Area of Conservation (SAC), the Tamar Estuaries Complex Special Protection Area (SPA) and Tamar Estuary Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ), known collectively as the Marine Protected Area. 33 County Wildlife Sites (CWS) amounting to 13.3% of the National Landscape, and 13 Regionally Important Geological Sites (RIGS).

The TVNL contains 2 Grade I and 2 Grade II* Registered Parks and Gardens, 27 Scheduled Monuments and 648 Listed Buildings, of which 29 are Grade I, 47 are Grade II* and 572 are Grade II. There are 11 Scheduled Monuments and 8 Listed Buildings on Historic England's Heritage At Risk Register.

Area A10 of the UNESCO inscribed Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site – The Tamar Valley Mining District with Tavistock – occupies some 16.5% of the TVNL (around 3,242ha).

There are 127km of public rights of way, 239 hectares of Open Access Land (1%) and 1,369 hectares is in public management. Around 67% of the area is farmed with 4,500 hectares in Agri-Environmental Scheme management.

For the most recent data, please refer to the State of National Landscape Report 2025. This report pulls together data and information for the Tamar Valley National Landscape gathered by the National Landscape team, with its partners, including Natural England and from other sources as indicated. It presents data collated in the spring of 2024 alongside comparable data from annual reviews and reports, where such exist, or to alternative baselines against which there are comparisons and trends: State of the Tamar Valley National Landscape Report (https://nrkmf.nimsite.uk/?tvnl_go=vnb9tb1jvg).



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