

UNESCO Global Geoparks in the United Kingdom

UNESCO Global Geoparks (UGGp) are single, unified geographical areas where sites and landscapes of international geological significance are managed with a holistic concept of protection, education, and sustainable development.

A UNESCO Global Geopark uses its geological heritage, in connection with all other aspects of the area's natural and cultural heritage, to enhance awareness and understanding of key issues facing society, such as using our earth's resources sustainably, mitigating the effects of climate change and reducing natural hazard-related risks.

By raising awareness of the importance of the area's geological heritage in history and society today, the UK's Global Geoparks are community-led partnerships that give local people a sense of pride in their region and strengthen their identification with the area. The nine UNESCO Global Geoparks in the UK are part of a worldwide network of more than 200 geoparks in over 45 countries.

- 1 **The Black Country**
- 2 **Cuilcagh Lakelands**
- 3 **English Riviera**
- 4 **Fforest Fawr**
- 5 **GeoMôn**
- 6 **Mourne Gullion Strangford**
- 7 **North Pennines**
- 8 **North West Highlands**
- 9 **Shetland**

