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Multi-purpose objectives



- Recognisable Forest – 33% tree cover
- High quality timber
- Landscape enhancement
- Forest for wildlife
- New recreation and tourism resource
- Sustainable urban and economic growth
- Climate change – adaptation/mitigation
- Community involvement



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National Forest origins

- Forestry in the Countryside (UK policy, 1987)
- 1991 – Development Team – Business Plan and Forest Strategy
- 1995 – National Forest Company – Forest implementation

A new multipurpose forest in the heart of England



Creating the Forest – key policy mechanisms



- National Forest Strategy
- Biodiversity Action Plan
- Planning policy

Creating the Forest



- Grants to landowners
- Land acquisition
- Mineral and derelict land restoration
- Development-related tree planting
- Local authority projects
- Business sponsorship































Long Distance Trail

















