



The Economic Value of Trail Riding

Using independent data, the TRF has estimated the value of Trail Riding in the UK.

The TRF estimate the value is £106Mn per annum in direct spend and a further £11Mn per annum in tourism related expenditure.

Evidence is supportive of trail riding contributing £58Mn per annum of Gross Value Add (GVA) and 1500 jobs in the UK.

The average contributory value of each mile of usable Green Road to the UK Trail Riding economy is estimated at £26,000 per mile per year.

Rationale

The overall value of motorcycling in the UK

A report in 2014 commissioned by the Motorcycle Industry Association, (MCIA) confirms the following.

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- £5.3 BN p.a. in overall spend.
- A further £562M p.a, of m/c tourism
- Generated by 1.2M motorcyclists on 1M Motorcycles.
- The industry supports £2.9Bn of GVA and 75,000 jobs in the UK.

Apportioning the contribution of Trail Riding

There are an estimated 20,000 trail riders in the UK based on DVLA records of motorcycles registered which are in common use for responsible trailriding.

This include the 15,000 trail riders who are registered on the TRF database and 4700 current members of the TRF.

It does not include the riders of larger adventure machines since figures for Trail and Adventure bike sales form the MCIA show these bikes represent up to 20% of the UK new bike sales market.



Sales of Trail and Enduro machines in 2016 were 6732 of a total 118,990 or 5.6% of the market.

Conservatively viewed the TRF estimate that Trail Riders are 2% of the motorcycle population.

The Green Road Network – 6000 miles

The contributory value of each mile of Green Road to the economy is calculated at a minimum of £19,500 p.a. per mile by dividing £106Mn in direct spend and a further £11Mn in tourism related expenditure by the 6000 miles.

TRF would also observe that a substantial proportion of the 6000miles, thought to be around a third or 2000miles, is unavailable or unused by motorcyclists, due to its being obstructed, TRO'd, dead-end, or of little to no strategic value in the network. The value of the viable network for responsible trailriding can be reasonably estimated as contributing £26,000 per mile to the economy.

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