

Lessons from Norway – pathwork

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Meeting the Nepali path workers – photo credit Anne MacIntyre

Following on from the ‘Lessons from the Pyrenees’ posts I recently visited the Jotunheimen National Park which covers a mountainous area of more than 1,000 km² including Galdhoppigen, the highest peak in Northern Europe. It’s not surprising that this is Norway’s premier walking area and, with increasing visitor numbers, there has been significant pressure on the footpath network.

The Jotunheimen National Park has come up with a solution that seems to be working well for them – since 2009 they have been employing Sherpas from Nepal during the summer months to help meet the

challenge of maintaining and improving their footpaths.



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We happened to meet the team on a mountain path and it is clear that the Sherpas bring considerable skills and expertise to this work.



A great way to cross boggy ground – photo credit Anne MacIntyre



Interesting way to cross a slow moving burn – photo credit Anne MacIntyre

Are there lessons here for our National Parks?

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