Muslim hikers stake the Peak District National Park a little more for Islam

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Readers might remember I posted in <u>December</u> about the Muslim Hikers mass hike round Mam Tor on Christmas Day, praying as they went, and demanding toilet facilities and wudu ablutions from the infidel. We discussed then how much this was genuine fresh air and exercise and how much a land grab of sacred space. Now, its a piece more.

A Muslim hiking group has created a revolutionary prayer with major brands specifically designed for the outdoors. Signs pointing to Mecca on the Peak District's most popular hiking routes have also been installed.

Wiggle and Adidas TERREX have worked closely with Muslim Hikers to identify the barriers that need breaking down like facilitating praying in the outdoors....

So far, 100 prayer mats have been created and donated to Muslim Hikers as part of the partnership.

The prayer mats' design depicts topography — used on maps to represent contours — and was created in partnership with QM design, a seventh-generation Islamic craftsman.



Muslims pray in the direction of Mecca up to five times a day and groundbreaking signs have been placed along one of the Peak District's most popular hiking routes, Cave Dale, in a bid to help Muslims more easily incorporate prayer time while exploring the outdoors.

The signs will not only point the Muslim community in the right direction of prayer but also signal to a wider audience that the outdoors is for everyone.

Haroon Mota, founder of the Muslim Hikers said "Everyone should feel empowered to get outside and enjoy nature, and the prayer mats and signs have made it easier for us within the Muslim community to do this without having to worry about the practicalities of prayer."

Huw Crwys-Williams, CEO at Wiggle, added: "We were disappointed to hear reports of abuse that the Muslim Hikers received . . .

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