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Would it make sense to fence the roads?

Fencing the roads would quite literally destroy the New Forest, as it would rapidly lose the special qualities that led to it being made a National Park. A fenced New Forest would be little different from the rest of Hampshire. Only the largest fenced sections could be grazed by a mix of livestock, and the remainder would revert to dense scrub. Fenced roads would become faster, and more hostile for walkers, riders, and cyclists. It may be that some areas could be mown in order to maintain some gated paths and open space for public enjoyment, but the cost involved would be very high indeed and mowing would not retain the very rare species of flowers, animals, and fungi supported by traditional grazing practice.

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