



# Countryside Act 1968

## CHAPTER 41

### COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1968

#### *The Countryside Commission*

- 1 General functions of the Agency.
- 2 New functions of the Agency.
- 3 .....
- 4 Experimental projects or schemes.
- 5 .....

#### *New powers of local authorities*

- 6 Country parks and commons: preliminary.
- 7 Power to provide country parks.
- 8 Country parks: sailing, boating, bathing and fishing.
- 9 Powers exercisable over or near common land.
- 10 Camping and picnic sites.

#### *Nature conservation, National Parks and access to open country*

- 11 Conservation of natural beauty.
- 12 Facilities in or near National Parks.
- 13 Lakes in National Parks: control of boats etc.
- 14 .....
- 15 Areas of special scientific interest.
- 15A Compulsory purchase.
- 16 Access to open country: rivers, canals and woodlands.
- 17 .....
- 18 Access agreements: undertakings by landowners and others not to convert land into excepted land.
- 19 Access to open country: protection for woodlands.

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- 20 Access to open country: contributions by local planning authorities to persons displaying maps and notices.  
21 Amendments of Act of 1949.

*Water undertakers' reservoirs and other waters*

- 22 .....

*Trees and woodlands*

- 23 Provisions of facilities by Forestry Commissioners.  
24 Amendments of Forestry Act 1967.  
25, 26 .....

*Public rights of way*

- 27 Signposting of footpaths and bridleways.  
28, 29 .....  
30 Riding of pedal bicycles on bridleways.  
31 Public paths: amendments as respects procedural and minor matters.  
32 .....  
33—35 .....  
36 .....

*Supplemental*

- 37 Protection for interests in countryside.  
38 Avoidance of pollution.  
39 .....  
40 National parks joint planning board: expenses of members or officers.  
41 Power to make byelaws and related provisions about wardens.  
42 Wardens.  
43 General provisions as to local authority powers conferred by Act.  
44 Power to amend local Acts concerning local authorities.  
45 Agreements with landowners.  
46 Application of general provisions of Act of 1949.  
47 Crown land.  
47A Application to the Broads Authority.  
48 Expenses and payments into Exchequer.  
49 Interpretation.  
50 Short title, repeals, commencement and extent.

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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 — Proposals Submitted to Statutory Undertakers and other Authorities

- 1 This Schedule has effect where any authority are consulted in...  
2 (1) If the authority withhold their consent to the proposals...

SCHEDULE 2 — Procedure for taking Common Land

- 1 (1) For the purpose of enabling a local authority to...

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*Preliminary notices*

2 (1) Before the local authority apply to the Minister for...

*Compulsory purchase*

3 (1) A local authority shall have power to acquire compulsorily...

*Acquisition by agreement and appropriation.*

4 (1) A local authority shall not acquire by agreement, or...

*Power to override restrictions affecting common land*

5 No restrictions applying to commons generally, or to any particular...

*Protection for statutory undertakers*

6 References in this Schedule to commonable and other rights in...

*Interpretation*

7 In this Schedule “common land” has the meaning given by...

SCHEDULE 3 — Public Rights of Way

Part

I. ....

Parts II-

IV. ....

SCHEDULE 4 —

SCHEDULE 5 — Repeals

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