



# Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 37

### PART I

#### ACCESS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE

### CHAPTER II

#### EXCLUSION OR RESTRICTION OF ACCESS

### 33 Guidance by countryside bodies to National Park authorities.

- (1) Subject to subsection (3), [<sup>F1</sup>Natural England] may issue guidance—
  - (a) to National Park authorities in England with respect to the discharge by National Park authorities of their functions under this Chapter, and
  - (b) to the Forestry Commissioners with respect to the discharge by the Forestry Commissioners of any functions conferred on them by virtue of section 21(6) in relation to land in England.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), [<sup>F2</sup>the Natural Resources Body for Wales] may issue guidance—
  - (a) to National Park authorities in Wales with respect to the discharge by National Park authorities of their functions under this Chapter, <sup>F3</sup>...
  - <sup>F3</sup>(b) .....
- (3) [<sup>F4</sup>Natural England] or [<sup>F2</sup>the Natural Resources Body for Wales] may not issue any guidance under this section unless the guidance has been approved—
  - (a) in the case of [<sup>F4</sup>Natural England], by the Secretary of State, and
  - (b) in the case of [<sup>F2</sup>the Natural Resources Body for Wales], by the National Assembly for Wales.
- (4) Where [<sup>F5</sup>Natural England] or [<sup>F2</sup>the Natural Resources Body for Wales] issue any guidance under this section, they shall arrange for the guidance to be published in such manner as they consider appropriate.

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- (5) A National Park authority or the Forestry Commissioners shall have regard to any guidance issued to them under this section.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 33(1) substituted (1.10.2006) by [Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 \(c. 16\)](#), s. 107, [Sch. 11 para. 158\(a\)](#); S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2 (with Sch.)
- F2** Words in s. 33 substituted (1.4.2013) by [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/755\)](#), art. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 405\(2\)](#) (with Sch. 7)
- F3** S. 33(2)(b) and preceding word omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/755\)](#), art. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 405\(3\)](#) (with Sch. 7)
- F4** Words in s. 33(3) substituted (1.10.2006) by [Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 \(c. 16\)](#), s. 107, [Sch. 11 para. 158\(a\)](#); S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2 (with Sch.)
- F5** Words in s. 33(4) substituted (1.10.2006) by [Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 \(c. 16\)](#), s. 107, [Sch. 11 para. 158\(b\)](#); S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2 (with Sch.)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 34](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 15(1)(e) and word inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 179](#)
- s. 55A inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 20](#)
- s. 56A inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 21](#)
- s. 56B inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 22\(1\)](#)