



National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949

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An Act to make provision for National Parks and the establishment of a National Parks Commission; to confer on the Nature Conservancy and local authorities powers for the establishment and maintenance of nature reserves; to make further provision for the recording, creation, maintenance and improvement of public paths and for securing access to open country, and to amend the law relating to rights of way; to confer further powers for preserving and enhancing natural beauty; and for matters connected with the purposes aforesaid. [16th December 1949]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act amended by [Countryside Act 1968](#) (c. 41), **s. 38**; extended by [Post Office Act 1969](#) (c. 48, SIF 96), **Sch. 4 para. 93(1)(x)**, and [Civil Aviation Act 1982](#) (c. 16, SIF 9), s. 19(2), **Sch. 2 para. 4**
- C2** References to local planning authority to be construed in accordance with [Local Government Act 1972](#) (c. 70, SIF 81:1), **s. 184(1)-(5)**
- C3** Act extended by [Gas Act 1986](#) (c. 44, SIF 44:2), s. 67(1)(3), Sch. 7 para. 2(1)(vii), **Sch. 8 para. 33**
- C4** Act extended (E.W.) by [Water Act 1989](#) (c. 15, SIF 130), ss. 58(7), 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)-(10), 190, 193(1), Sch. 25 para. 1(2)(iv), Sch. 26 para. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 57(6), **58**
- C5** Act extended (E.W.S.) by [Electricity Act 1989](#) (c. 29, SIF 44:1), s. 112(1)(3), Sch. 16 para. 1(1)(vii), Sch. 17 paras. 33, **35(1)**
- C6** The definition of "waterway" in this Act is applied (E.W.) (1.12.1991) by [Water Industry Act 1991](#) (c. 56, SIF 130), **ss. 157(6), 223(2)**
The definition of "waterway" in this Act is applied (E.W.) (1.12.1991) by [Water Resources Act 1991](#) (c. 57, SIF 130), ss. 210(1), 225(2), **Sch. 25 para. 3(4)**
- C7** Act: functions transferred (E.W.) (19.9.1995) by 1995 c. 25, **ss. 68(2)(a)(8), 125(2)** (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117, **Sch. 8 para. 7**)
Act: transfer of certain functions (W.) (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/672, art. 2, **Sch. 1**
- C8** Act modified (E.W.) (19.9.1996) by 1995 c. 25, **ss. 68(2)(b)(c), 125(2)** (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117, Sch. 8 para. 7)
- C9** Act extended (1.3.1996) by 1995 c. 45, s. 16(1), **Sch. 4 para. 2(1)(v)**; S.I. 1996/218, **art. 2**
- C10** Act amended (1.4.1996) by S.I. 1996/593, **reg. 2, Sch. 1**
Act modified (1.4.2001) by 2000 c. 38, s. 37, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)(2)(c)** (with s. 106)

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