



# National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949

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## PART III

### NATURE CONSERVATION

#### [<sup>F1</sup> 15 Meaning of “nature reserve.”

- (1) In this Part, “nature reserve” means—
  - (a) land managed solely for a conservation purpose, or
  - (b) land managed not only for a conservation purpose but also for a recreational purpose, if the management of the land for the recreational purpose does not compromise its management for the conservation purpose.
- (2) Land is managed for a conservation purpose if it is managed for the purpose of—
  - (a) providing, under suitable conditions and control, special opportunities for the study of, and research into, matters relating to the fauna and flora of Great Britain and the physical conditions in which they live, and for the study of geological and physiographical features of special interest in the area, or
  - (b) preserving flora, fauna or geological or physiographical features of special interest in the area,or for both those purposes.

[<sup>F2</sup>(2A) In subsection (2)(b) the reference to preserving flora or fauna includes enabling or facilitating its recovery or increase.]

- (3) Land is managed for a recreational purpose if it is managed for the purpose of providing opportunities for the enjoyment of nature or for open-air recreation.]

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, Section 15. (See end of Document for details)

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 15 substituted (1.10.2006) by [Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 \(c. 16\), s. 107, Sch. 11 para. 12](#); [S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2](#) (with Sch.)
- F2** S. 15(2A) inserted (E.W.S) (16.8.2012) by [The Conservation of Habitats and Species \(Amendment\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1927\), regs. 1\(1\), 26](#); [The Conservation \(Natural Habitats, &c.\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2012 \(S.S.I. 2012/228\), regs. 1\(1\), 7](#)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** In s. 15 definition of "nature reserves" applied (S.) (1.4.1992) by [Natural Heritage \(Scotland\) Act 1991 \(c. 28, SIF 46:1\), s. 4\(7\)](#); [S.I. 1991/2633, art.4](#)

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