



Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 69

PART II

NATURE CONSERVATION, COUNTRYSIDE AND NATIONAL PARKS

National Parks

43 Maps of National Parks showing certain areas of moor or heath.

- (1) Every [^{F1}local planning authority] whose area comprises the whole or any part of a National Park shall—
- before the expiration of the period of two years beginning with [^{F2}the relevant date], prepare a map of the Park or the part thereof showing any areas [^{F3}to which this section applies whose natural beauty] it is, in the opinion of the authority, particularly important to conserve; and
 - [^{F4}at intervals of not more than five years] review the particulars contained in the map and make such revisions thereof (if any) as may be requisite.
- [^{F5}(1A) In considering under subsection (1) whether any area to which this section applies is one whose natural beauty it is particularly important to conserve, a [^{F6}local planning authority] shall act in accordance with the guidelines from time to time issued ^{F7} . . . under subsection (1B).
- (1B) [^{F8}Natural England shall] issue guidelines for the guidance of county planning authorities in considering as mentioned in subsection (1A), and [^{F9}Natural England may] from time to time revise any guidelines so issued.
- (1C) Before issuing or revising any guidelines under subsection (1B) [^{F10}Natural England] shall consult such bodies as appear to them to represent interests concerned; and before preparing or revising any map under subsection (1) a [^{F6}local planning authority] shall consult such bodies as appear to the authority to represent interests concerned with matters affecting the Park or part of the Park in question.]

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- (2) The authority shall cause a map prepared or revised in pursuance of subsection (1) to be printed, and shall cause copies thereof to be put on sale to the public at such price as the authority may determine.
- [^{F11}(3) This section applies to any area of mountain, moor, heath, woodland, down, cliff or foreshore (including any bank, barrier, dune, beach, flat or other land adjacent to the foreshore); and in this section “the relevant date” means the date of issue of the first guidelines under subsection (1B).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words substituted by Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51, SIF 81:1), ss. 1, 2, 7, **Sch. 3 para. 7(4)**
- F2** Words substituted by Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Act 1985 (c. 31, SIF 4:5), **s. 3(2)(a)**
- F3** Words substituted by Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Act 1985 (c. 31, SIF 4:5), **s. 3(2)(b)**
- F4** Words substituted by Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Act 1985 (c. 31, SIF 4:5), **s. 3(3)**
- F5** S. 43(1A)–(1C) inserted by Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Act 1985 (c. 31, SIF 4:5), **s. 3(4)**
- F6** Words substituted by Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51, SIF 81:1), ss. 1, 2, 7, **Sch. 3 para. 7(4)**
- F7** Words in s. 43(1A) repealed (1.4.1991) by Environmental Protection Act 1990 (c. 43, SIF 46:4), s. 162(2), **Sch. 16 Pt. VI**; S.I. 1991/685, **art. 3**
- F8** Words in s. 43(1B) substituted (1.10.2006) by Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (c. 16), ss. 105(1), 107, **Sch. 11 para. 90(2)(a)**; S.I. 2006/2541, **art. 2**
- F9** Words in s. 43(1B) substituted (1.10.2006) by Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (c. 16), ss. 105(1), 107, **Sch. 11 para. 90(2)(b)**; S.I. 2006/2541, **art. 2**
- F10** Words in s. 43(1C) substituted (1.10.2006) by Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (c. 16), ss. 105(1), 107, **Sch. 11 para. 90(3)**; S.I. 2006/2541, **art. 2**
- F11** S. 43(3) added by Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Act 1985 (c. 31, SIF 4:5), **s. 3(5)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 43 modified (19.9.1995) by 1995 c. 25, **ss. 69(3), 125(2)** (with ss. 7(6), 115, Sch. 8 para. 7)

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

- s. 53(3)(c)(ia) inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 2\(b\)](#)
- s. 53B(4A)(4B) inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 4](#)
- s. 53ZA inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 3](#)
- s. 54B54C inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 5](#)
- Sch. 13A inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 6](#)
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