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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1985 No. 170**

The Nature Conservation and Amenity  
Lands (Northern Ireland) Order 1985

PART IV

NATIONAL PARKS AND AREAS OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

*Designation of National Park*

12.—(1) Where, in relation to an extensive area of countryside, the Department considers it desirable that measures be taken for the purposes of—

- (a) conserving or enhancing the natural beauty or amenities of that area;
- (b) conserving wildlife, historic objects or natural phenomena therein;
- (c) promoting the enjoyment by the public of the area; and
- (d) providing or maintaining public access to the area;

the Department may by order designate the area as a National Park.

(2) Part I of Schedule 3 shall apply to orders made under paragraph (1).

(3) The Ulster Countryside Committee shall advise the Department on the establishment and management of National Parks.

(4) Before making any such designation the Department shall consult each district council the whole or part of whose district is within the area to be designated.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Nature Conservation and Amenity Lands (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, Section 12.