



# National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949

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## PART IV

### PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

#### *Long-Distance Routes*

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>55A Proposals relating to the English coastal route**

- (1) Pursuant to the coastal access duty, Natural England may prepare and submit a report under section 51 containing proposals for a route (whether or not the requirements of section 51(1) are satisfied).
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1) it is immaterial whether the route or any part of it is already a route in approved proposals relating to a long-distance route.
- (3) In subsections (4) and (5) “preliminary activity” means activity which Natural England considers would facilitate the preparation by it of a report under section 51 pursuant to the coastal access duty.
- (4) Where Natural England considers it necessary or expedient for preliminary activity to be carried out as respects any land, it must—
  - (a) consider whether it would be appropriate for the access authority in relation to that land to carry out any of the preliminary activity, and
  - (b) if it concludes that it would be so appropriate, take all reasonable steps to enter into an agreement with the access authority for that purpose.
- (5) An access authority may, as respects any land in its area, enter into an agreement with Natural England under which the access authority undertakes to carry out preliminary activity.

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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 55A. (See end of Document for details)

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- (6) In this section “the coastal access duty” means the duty imposed on Natural England and the Secretary of State by section 296(1) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.]

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Ss. 55A-55J inserted (12.11.2009 for specified purposes, 12.1.2010 in so far as not already in force) by Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (c. 23), ss. **302(1)**, 324(1)(c), 324(1)(d), 324(2)(d) (with s. 308)

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