



Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 37

PART I

ACCESS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE

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RIGHT OF ACCESS

General

3 Power to extend to coastal land [^{F1}: Wales] .

- (1) The [^{F2}Welsh Ministers] may by order amend the definition of “open country” in section 1(2) so as to include [^{F3}as respects Wales] a reference to coastal land or to coastal land of any description.
- (2) An order under this section may—
 - (a) make consequential amendments of other provisions of this Part, and
 - (b) modify the provisions of this Part in their application to land which is open country merely because it is coastal land.
- (3) In this section “coastal land” means—
 - (a) the foreshore, and
 - (b) land adjacent to the foreshore (including in particular any cliff, bank, barrier, dune, beach or flat which is adjacent to the foreshore).

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 3 heading inserted (12.1.2010) by [Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 \(c. 23\)](#), **ss. 303(4)(a)**, 324(2)(d) (with s. 308)

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- F2** Words in s. 3(1) substituted (12.1.2010) by Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (c. 23), ss. 303(4)(b), 324(2)(d) (with s. 308)
- F3** Words in s. 3(1) inserted (12.1.2010) by Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (c. 23), ss. 303(4)(c), 324(2)(d) (with s. 308)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 34](#)

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

- s. 15(1)(e) and word inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 179](#)
- s. 55A inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 20](#)
- s. 56A inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 21](#)
- s. 56B inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 22\(1\)](#)