



# Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 37

### PART I

#### ACCESS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE

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#### RIGHT OF ACCESS

#### *Maps*

#### **4 Duty to prepare maps.**

- (1) It shall be the duty of [<sup>F1</sup>Natural England] to prepare, in respect of England outside Inner London, maps which together show—
  - (a) all registered common land, and
  - (b) all open country.
- (2) It shall be the duty of [<sup>F2</sup>the Natural Resources Body for Wales] to prepare, in respect of Wales, maps which together show—
  - (a) all registered common land, and
  - (b) all open country.
- (3) Subsections (1) and (2) have effect subject to the following provisions of this section and to the provisions of sections 5 to 9.
- (4) A map prepared under this section must distinguish between open country and registered common land, but need not distinguish between different categories of open country.
- (5) In preparing a map under this section, the appropriate countryside body—

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- (a) may determine not to show as open country areas of open country which are so small that the body consider that their inclusion would serve no useful purpose, and
- (b) may determine that any boundary of an area of open country is to be treated as coinciding with a particular physical feature (whether the effect is to include other land as open country or to exclude part of an area of open country).

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#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 4(1) substituted (1.10.2006) by [Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 \(c. 16\)](#), s. 107, [Sch. 11 para. 155](#); S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2 (with Sch.)
- F2** Words in s. 4(2) substituted (1.4.2013) by [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/755\)](#), art. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 402](#) (with Sch. 7)

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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\(1\)](#)