



# National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949

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## PART II

### NATIONAL PARKS

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- [<sup>F1</sup>(1) The provisions of this Part of this Act shall have effect for the purpose—
- (a) of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the areas specified in the next following subsection; and
  - (b) of promoting opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of those areas by the public.]
- (2) The said areas are those extensive tracts of country in England <sup>F2</sup> . . . as to which it appears to [<sup>F3</sup>Natural England] that by reason of—
- (a) their natural beauty, and
  - (b) the opportunities they afford for open-air recreation, having regard both to their character and to their position in relation to centres of population,
- it is especially desirable that the necessary measures shall be taken for the purposes mentioned in the last foregoing subsection.
- (3) The said areas, as for the time being designated by order made by [<sup>F4</sup>Natural England] and submitted to and confirmed by the Minister, shall be as known as, and are hereinafter referred to as, National Parks.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 5(1) substituted (19.9.1995) by [1995 c. 25, ss. 61\(1\)\(2\), 125\(2\)](#) (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117, Sch. 8 para. 7)
- F2** Words in s. 5(2) repealed (1.4.1991) by [Environmental Protection Act 1990 \(c. 43, SIF 46:4\)](#), s. 130(1), [Sch. 8 para. 1\(5\)](#); S.I. 1991/685, [art. 3](#)

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- F3** Words in s. 5(2) substituted (1.10.2006) by Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (c. 16), s. 107, **Sch. 11 para. 10(a)**; S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2 (with Sch.)
- F4** Words in s. 5(3) substituted (1.10.2006) by Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (c. 16), s. 107, **Sch. 11 para. 10(a)**; S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2 (with Sch.)

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