



# National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949

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## PART II

### NATIONAL PARKS

#### 7 Designation and variation of National Parks.

- (1) Before making an order designating a National Park [<sup>F1</sup>Natural England] shall consult with every joint planning board, [<sup>F2</sup>and local authority] whose area includes any land in the area to be designated a Park.
- (2) Any such order shall describe the area to be designated a Park by reference to a map and such other descriptive matter as may appear to [<sup>F3</sup>Natural England] to be requisite.
- (3) The provisions in that behalf of the First Schedule to this Act shall have effect as to the making, confirmation, coming into operation and validity of any order designating a National Park.
- (4) The Minister may by order made after consultation with [<sup>F4</sup>Natural England] vary an order designating a National Park.
- (5) Before making an order under the last foregoing subsection the Minister shall consult with [<sup>F5</sup>any National Park authority for the Park in question and with] every such board and council as aforesaid whose area, or any part of whose area, is comprised in the National Park, whether as existing or as proposed to be varied; and the provisions in that behalf of the First Schedule to this Act shall apply to any order under the last foregoing subsection.
- (6) It shall be the duty of [<sup>F6</sup>Natural England] to secure that copies of any order such as is mentioned in this section shall be available, at the office of [<sup>F6</sup>Natural England], at the offices of each joint planning board and local authority specified in subsection (1) or subsection (5) of this section, as the case may be [<sup>F7</sup>at the offices (where the order is for the variation of an order designating a Park) of any National Park authority for

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the Park in question], and at such other place or places in or near the Park in question as [<sup>F6</sup>Natural England] may determine, for inspection by the public at all reasonable times.

[<sup>F8</sup>(7) In this section and Schedule 1 “local authority” means—

- (a) in relation to England, a county council, district council or parish council;
- (b) in relation to Wales, a county council, county borough council or community council.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 7(1) substituted (1.10.2006) by [Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 \(c. 16\)](#), s. 107, [Sch. 11 para. 10\(c\)](#); S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2 (with Sch. )
- F2** Words in s. 7(1) substituted (1.10.2006) by [Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 \(c. 16\)](#), [ss. 60\(2\)](#), 107(3)(b); S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2 (with Sch. )
- F3** Words in s. 7(2) substituted (1.10.2006) by [Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 \(c. 16\)](#), s. 107, [Sch. 11 para. 10\(c\)](#); S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2 (with Sch. )
- F4** Words in s. 7(4) substituted (1.10.2006) by [Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 \(c. 16\)](#), s. 107, [Sch. 11 para. 10\(c\)](#); S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2 (with Sch. )
- F5** Words in s. 7(5) inserted (1.4.1996) by 1995 c. 25, s. 78, [Sch. 10 para. 2\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with [ss. 7\(6\)](#), 115, 117, [Sch. 8 para. 7](#)); S.I. 1995/2950, [art. 3](#)
- F6** Words in s. 7(6) substituted (1.10.2006) by [Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 \(c. 16\)](#), s. 107, [Sch. 11 para. 10\(c\)](#); S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2 (with Sch. )
- F7** Words in s. 7(6) inserted (1.4.1996) by 1995 c. 25, s. 78, [Sch. 10 para. 2\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with [ss. 7\(6\)](#), 115, 117, [Sch. 8 para. 7](#)); S.I. 1995/2950, [art. 3](#)
- F8** S. 7(7) inserted (1.10.2006) by [Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 \(c. 16\)](#), [ss. 60\(3\)](#), 107(3)(b); S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2 (with Sch. )

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