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## Coastal access – new regulations in force

New regulations came into force on 1 October 2011 and 15 February 2012. The regulations are available as follows:

Access to the Countryside (Appeals against Works Notices) (England) Regulations 2011  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2011/2019/contents/made>

Access to the Countryside (Dedication of Land) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2011  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2011/2020/contents/made>

Access to the Countryside (Exclusions and Restrictions) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2011  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2011/2021/contents/made>

Access to the Countryside (Appeals against Works Notices) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/67/contents/made>

We will be publishing revised guidance in due course to reflect the changes brought into force by these regulations.

## Secretary of State approves Natural England's Weymouth Bay report

On 26 January 2012 the Secretary of State approved Natural England's coastal access report for Weymouth Bay. The coastal route will be open in time for people to view the sailing events for the 2012 Games. The Secretary of State's notification and other relevant documents relating to the report are available at:  
<http://www.defra.gov.uk/rural/countryside/access/>

## Coastal access - consultations started in Durham and Cumbria

Natural England has issued draft coastal access reports for stretches of the coast in Cumbria and Durham, Sunderland and Hartlepool. A 12 week consultation is open for any comments to be made on the draft reports. The two consultations close on **Friday 3 August 2012**.

For the Cumbria draft report please see:

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/access/coastalaccess/cumbria/default.aspx>

For the Durham draft report please see:

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/access/coastalaccess/durham/default.aspx>

## Coastal access – the next steps

Natural England will start preparations this year to deliver improved coastal access in a number of further areas - Cumbria (Whitehaven to Silecroft ); Dorset (Portland, Rufus Cove to Lyme Regis); Kent (Folkstone to Camber); Norfolk (Sea Palling to Hopton on Sea) and Hartlepool (Hartlepool to Speeton).

Further information on the coastal access programme and a map showing Natural England's plans for the next 5 to 7 years is available at:

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/access/coastalaccess/default.aspx>

## National Trails – a more flexible approach to their management

Natural England has issued a consultation paper asking for views about proposals to adjust the ways the 13 National Trails in England are looked after in the future. The consultation – *A family of unique trails: Discussion Paper on the Future Management of National Trails from April 2013* is available at:

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/enjoying/places/nationaltrails/review2012.aspx>

The consultation closes on **Thursday 5 July 2012**.

## Paths for Communities grant scheme open

Defra have tasked Natural England with developing and running a new £2 million grant scheme called 'Paths for Communities' (P4C). The scheme opened on Monday 14 May 2012 and further information and details of how to apply are available at:

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/access/rightsofway/p4c.aspx>

## Improvements to the policy and legal framework for public rights of way

New proposals to modernise the process of recording rights of way were unveiled by Defra on 14 May 2012. A consultation is available at:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/consult/2012/05/14/improve-rights-of-way/>

The consultation closes on **6 August 2012**.

If you have any queries about the above, please email us at:

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