

National Park Access Updates December 2023

The 2023 Walking & Cycling Festival

The festival has gone well this year. We engage with many different organisations from the Ramblers to Nordic Walking experts to provide a wide range of guided walks and cycles. Many walks this year focused on accessibility.

Volunteer Access Work

Access land surveyors are part way through their survey of all 30 parcels of access land. The surveys make sure that access remains open in these areas and no fences or barriers are erected.

New Waymarkers

We have some new promoted route waymarkers to help people find their way around the countryside. We have both digital and physical signposting on our promoted routes.

National Grid Landscape Enhancement Project

Sixteen oak signposts will be installed along the new Franchises Lodge walking route by Christmas. This is funded through the NPA Habitat Mitigation fund as part of the Landscape Improvement works.

DEFRA Access For All Fund

We are looking forwards to the third year of the scheme starting in April 2024. We will be using the funds to support pedal, re-surface the Knightwood Oak trail and design a series of leaflets for some tramper-friendly routes in the New Forest. David King, from the Access Forum is very kindly helping with the tramper routes project.

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