

National Park Access Updates September 2023

The 2023 Walking & Cycling Festival

We have started planning for the 2023 Walking & Cycling Festival. This year the festival will run for two weeks from the 14 October to the 29 October and have a focus on accessibility and inclusion. As part of the festival, we will offer free NPA walks for Southampton Community Groups as well as promoting our new Accessible Trails leaflets.

Volunteer Access Work

We are approaching the end of our Path Clearance season and we have done 1500 hours of work across 12 different sites so far this year. Access Land surveys have just started which makes sure that the small parcels of CRoW Access Land the NPA is responsible for are kept open for public use.

National Grid Landscape Enhancement Project

Farwells have completed path improvements to 1000m of public bridleway at the Cadland Estate. These paths form part of the Tom's Down promoted walking route as well as being well used by local dog walkers.

The Coast Path

We remain in communication with Natural England regarding the process of determining the route of the Highcliffe to Calshot section (HCS). We are hopeful for a route decision by the end of 2023, meaning 2024 will be busy with planning and establishment works.

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