



CLAIMED PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY EVIDENCE FORM

When a dispute arises over whether a public right of way exists, we need to research all the evidence on both sides of the argument. This will help us decide if the route should be recorded, and whether it is a public footpath, bridleway or byway.

Please use this form to tell us about your own usage and knowledge of the route.

Return to: Rights of Way Team, Lake District National Park Authority, Murley Moss, Oxenholme Road, Kendal, Cumbria, LA11 7RL

YOUR NAME & ADDRESS

Full Name: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)

Address:

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Telephone number:..... **e-mail:**.....

Occupation: **Age:**

WHERE IS THE PATH?

*Please note that although these questions refer to a claimed path, this form may be used for a claimed footpath, bridleway or a vehicular right of way. **Please include a map of the route.***

Where does the path go to and from?

See attached map – footpath 212009 linking public road at Manesty with Bridleway 201068 ('X' NY 2505 1852 to 'Y' NY 2497 1864)

Does the route have a name?

Popularly referred to as 'The Manesty end of the Catbells Bridleway'

Do you think that the path is public or private?

- Public
- Private

DECLARATION

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the facts I am stating here are true. I acknowledge that this form may be copied to landowners or objectors.

Signature Date.....

Witnessed by..... Date.....

Address.....
.....

YOUR USE OF THE PATH

When did you first use the path?

How did you use it? (tick any that apply):

- on foot
- on horseback
- by bicycle
- by car
- other (please specify).....

How often did you use it?

This may have varied over the years –tick any that apply and give approximate dates.

- Daily.....
- Several days a week.....
- Several days a month.....
- Occasionally– state roughly how often.....

Why did you use the path? (was it for pleasure or going shopping, etc)

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Do you still use the path?

- No
- Yes

If No - when did you stop using it and why?

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Have you ever been stopped, challenged or turned back when using the path?

- No
- Yes
 - by whom?.....

Have you ever been given permission to use the path?

- No
- Yes
 - by whom?.....
 - when?.....
 - what was said?.....

OTHER PEOPLE AND THE PATH

Do you know who owns the land over which the path runs?

- No
- Yes
 - o who is it and where do they live?.....
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Did you meet (or have you seen) other people using the path?

- No
- Yes
 - o how many & how often?.....
 - o how were they using it? (on foot/horseback, etc).....

Are you, or have you ever been, a tenant or employee of the landowner?

- No
- Yes
 - o has the landowner given you any instructions about the path?.....
 - o what were they?
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Apart from the landowner or occupier and their visitors, who do you believe has a right to use the path (tick any that apply)?

- No-one
- Pedestrians
- Horseriders
- Cyclists
- Cars
- Others (please specify).....

Who else do you think we should contact who might have information about the path or have used it?

(Please give names and addresses).

WHAT WAS THE PATH LIKE?

Was there a visible or defined path to follow?

- No
- Yes
 - o how wide was it?.....
 - o what was the surface?.....

Were there any stiles or gates on the path?

- No
- Yes
 - o what were they?.....
 - o where were they?.....
 - o who maintained them?.....
 - if they were gates, were they ever locked?.....
 - who locked them?.....

Were there any notices such as 'Private' 'No right of way' 'path by permission of the landowner', etc on the path?

- No
- Yes
 - o what did they say?.....
 - o where were they?.....
 - o who put them up?.....

Has anyone ever done any maintenance or improvement work on the path?

- No
- Yes
 - o who did it?.....

OTHER INFORMATION

A local public inquiry or hearing may have to be held about this - would you be willing to attend if necessary?

- No
- Yes

Is there anything else you wish to add? (continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

