

The National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949

Part IV – s 6.

(6) In this Part of this Act the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say,-

"footpath" means a highway over which the public have a right of way on foot only, other than such a highway at the side of a public road;

"bridleway" means a highway over which the public have the following, but no other, rights of way, that is to say, a right of way on foot and a right of way on horseback or leading a horse, with or without a right to drive animals of any description along the highway;

"horse" includes pony, ass and mule, and "horseback" shall be construed accordingly;

"public path" means a highway being either a footpath or a bridleway;

"right of way to which this Part of this Act applies" means a right of way such that the land over which the right subsists is a public path ;

"road used as a public path" means a highway, other than a public path, used by the public mainly for the purposes for which footpaths or bridleways are so used.