

Subject Proposed temporary closure - part of footpath 407024 and unrecorded way generally used as part of footpath 407024, Anglers' Crag, Ennerdale and Kinniside Parish

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Dear Consultee,

Proposed temporary closure - part of footpath 407024 and unrecorded way generally used as part of footpath 407024, Anglers' Crag, Ennerdale and Kinniside Parish

Contractors working for the LDNPA will be carrying out works on the footpath at Anglers' Crag to repair collapsed sections of revetment, stone pitch the path where necessary, and carry out associated landscaping works. It is anticipated that the works will be completed at some time between 16 November 2026 (at the earliest) and the end of March 2027, avoiding busier times of year to minimise disruption. We will also avoid these works taking place at the same time as the works by Forestry England to replace Smithy Beck Bridge on bridleway 407021 (along the north shore of Ennerdale Water) – which are provisionally planned for 10-13th November. It is expected that the works on the Anglers' Crag path may take up to six weeks. We are anticipating that it will be necessary to temporarily close the affected section of footpath– a plan showing the extent of the proposed closure (points A-B-C-D) is attached.

Stone will need to be moved to site by helicopter, and it may be necessary for this to be placed directly onto the walked route of the path (stone will need to be landed on level areas). Contractors will then be working on the path which is very constrained in places (with a steep drop off to the side). If the footpath were to remain open throughout the works period there would be a risk that users could slip or fall from exposed sections of the path if attempting to avoid / get around the works (I have included a few photos below of sections of the path to be worked on for reference). During the works there will be times when there is no clear / unobstructed route along the used path. At some times contractors will need to make use of roped fall arrest systems which may need to be set up across the path – presenting additional hazards to workers and the public. The usual high volume of users on this path (this path forms part of one of the 'braids' up Ennerdale on the Coast to Coast National Trail) means managing access with banks persons would make the works process far less efficient, and likely to result in the works period being significantly extended.

A suggested alternative route is shown on the plan (points E to F) via the public rights of way skirting around the northern side of Ennerdale Water. Other alternatives will be possible via surrounding open access land and other public rights of way (depending on start point and destination). There may be times during the works period when access along the footpath is possible / unobstructed and it may be that the footpath can be kept open outside the times works are taking place. Additional signage would be used to advise when the path is open or closed.

Part of the path generally used at Anglers' Crag differs from the line recorded on the definitive map (by up to around 30 metres) – therefore part of this closure would be for the unrecorded way generally used as the route of the public footpath. We consider this section to qualify as a 'road' for the purposes of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (which the closure Order would be made under). Section 142 (1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 defines a road, for the purposes of the Act, as, 'any length of highway or of any other road to which the public has access'.

We would appreciate your input and views on this proposed temporary closure. If you have any comments, or further questions, please email me [REDACTED] no later than Monday 21 September 2026.

Kind regards, Will

Will Hinchliffe

Rights of Way Officer

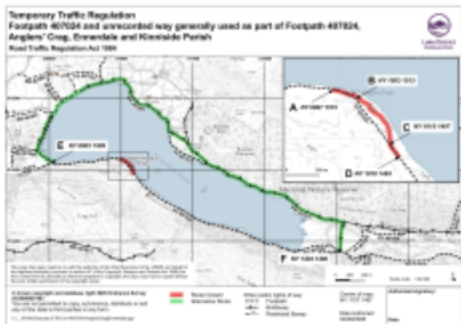
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