

Upgrade of Wainwright's Coast to Coast Path to a National Trail

Tree felling at Broadmoor



Contractors working on behalf of Forestry England have begun work felling larch at Broadmoor in response to continuing infection by phytophthora larch disease (Phytophthora Ramorum) within the valley.

The route of the Coast to Coast is temporarily being diverted at Broadmoor (with onsite signage guiding people to the lakeshore via the road heading toward Bleach Green Car Park, and then down Sawdust Lonning). Before the creation of the Broadmoor path, this was the route taken by the majority of people walking between the village and the lake.

Lots of slow winching of the felled trees is required to avoid machinery entering wet areas risking pollution or excessive amounts of sediment entering nearby watercourses.

Currently there is no confirmed completion date for the works because ground conditions can be unpredictable (it could take three to four months until the work is concluded).

During winter 2024 Forestry England contractors and Wild Ennerdale volunteers planted approximately 45,000 native trees within the valley. In due course, Broadmoor will be restocked with a variety of tree species and undoubtedly will look very different for a number of years.



Drop-in sessions at The Gather

As part of the project to upgrade the Coast to Coast Path to a National Trail, and whilst financial support is available, the Lake District National Park Authority Coast to Coast project team have been exploring the possibility of better connecting Ennerdale village to the Jubilee Path. Representatives from LDNPA will be on hand for two drop-in sessions hosted at The Gather. This will be an opportunity to share proposals, answer questions and receive feedback ahead of a formal planning application being submitted outlining how this could be achieved. Display boards will continue to be made available in the downstairs meeting room at The Gather for anyone not able to attend either of the following dates/times.

Wednesday 16 July
10.00 – 14.00

Thursday 17 July
14.00 – 19.00

Replacement of Galloway (Moo Moo) Bridge – mid/late Aug

As previously mentioned in the June edition of Contact magazine, Natural England is enabling the replacement of Galloway Bridge (also known as Moo Moo Bridge) over Woundell Beck as part of the upgrade project. Forestry England engineers are kindly commissioning and overseeing the delivery of the replacement bridge.

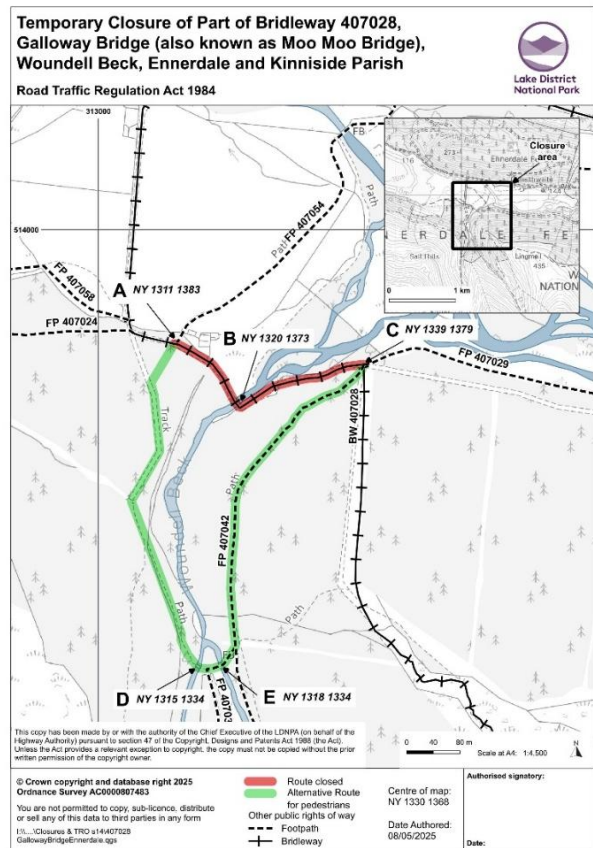
The bridge has significance to the National Trail as it enables a wide audience (Miles Without Stiles users, horseriders and cyclists) to complete the circular Forest Loop route, which incorporates a section of the National Trail.

There has been a modest delay in the timing for the replacement bridge to be installed due to some administrative complexities. The work to remove the old bridge and install the new one is being undertaken by Metcalfe's and will likely commence on 11 August or shortly thereafter and should be completed as swiftly as possible. Sometimes unanticipated circumstances arise that influence timescales.

The current bridge is constructed entirely from wooden components and areas of rot at both ends had been identified by Forestry England.



Deterioration of the current Galloway bridge (since repaired) prompted a fuller structural assessment



Please refer to local signage for guidance on any periods of necessitated closure (a diversion will be in place for pedestrians as shown in the map above).

Unfortunately the diversion route is not suitable for cyclists, horseriders or All-Terrain-Wheelchair users and involves an ascent and descent for anyone on foot. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience, and thank you for your patience whilst this work is completed.

The upgrade to a National Trail project is being led by Natural England, funded by Defra, supported by each of the authorities along the route: Cumberland Council, Lake District National Park Authority, Westmorland and Furness Council, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, North Yorkshire County Council, and North York Moors National Park Authority.

For further information on the Coast to Coast Path upgrade project for the Lake District, please visit the Lake District National Park Authority's website:

<https://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/caringfor/projects/upgrade-of-wainwrights-coast-to-coast-to-national-trail>

