

How to enjoy access in Orkney

Land Managers and Access

If you're a farmer, landowner or someone else managing the outdoors, you now need to consider the needs of people enjoying the outdoors. You should:

Respect access rights

Access rights extend to most areas of Orkney so

- don't intentionally block people from using their access rights on your land or water.
- providing paths makes life easier for land managers and access users.

Make it easy for visitors to act responsibly

People respond best if your requests give clear, polite guidance where it's needed, e.g. inform visitors about your land management action, explain why the original route shouldn't be used and offer them an alternative. This will help them to avoid getting in the way.

Access along paths

Working with Orkney Islands Council and other bodies to provide good paths across your land will help you to successfully manage access.

Paths and rights of way

Following a path or public right of way is often the best way to enjoy the countryside. It keeps you safe from livestock and allows the farmer to get on with his work.

If there isn't a path where you would like to walk, contact Orkney Islands Council and see if one can be created.

Paths can make managing access much easier for farmers as well.

Farmers are welcome to contact Orkney Islands Council for help with developing new paths on their land.

For further information

Contact:
Orkney Islands Council
School Place
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Scottish Natural Heritage
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Free information and advice is also available at:
www.outdooraccess-scotland.com

