

Public Right of Way User Evidence Form

Claim Reference No.....

This form has been prepared to enable you to give evidence of your use of a claimed public right of way. Please be aware that the information you give may be disclosed to other interested parties, including the landowner, and may be produced at a public inquiry. Please answer the questions as fully as possible and do not withhold information, whether it appears to be for or against the claim - the object of the investigation is to establish how the route has been used. A Map Review Officer may wish to interview you to obtain more information or to check details of your evidence.

Personal Details

Name Occupation

Address..... Date of Birth

..... Home Tel No.....

..... Work Tel No

Postcode Mobile Tel No.....

E-mail address.....

Description of path used

- On the map provided, please highlight the route(s) that you have used.
Please sign and date the map in the space provided
- The path runs from.....
 to.....
- Is the route (or any part of it) enclosed between boundaries (ie fences, hedges, ditches, walls)? **Yes / No**
 Please give details, including approximate widths:

- Is the whole width between boundaries used by the public? **Yes / No**
 How much is used?.....

Your use of the path

- Please complete the table to show how and when you used the path.
If you are unsure of exact dates or frequency of use, please estimate rather than leaving fields blank

How did you use the path?			When did you use the path?		
<i>(please indicate 'yes' or 'no')</i>			Year		Frequency
			From	To	
On foot	Yes	No			
On horseback	Yes	No			
On a bicycle	Yes	No			
With a vehicle	Yes	No			

6. Has there ever been a break in your use?

7. Have you always followed exactly the same route? **Yes / No**

If your answer is 'No', please show all variations on the map using a different colour or symbol

8. What were your main reasons for using the path?.....

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9. When did you last use the path?

10. Have you seen other people using the same path? **Yes / No**

If 'Yes', were they: **Locals Strangers Landowners Don't know**

(please circle all that apply) **On foot Horseback Bicycle Vehicle**

11. When using the path did you have to:

Pass through gates **Yes / No** if 'Yes', were they ever locked? **Yes / No**

Climb over stiles **Yes / No**

Character of the path

12. Have there ever been any notices or signs along the path? **Yes / No**

If 'Yes', what did they say?.....

When did you first see them?.....

Are they still there? **Yes / No** If not, when did they disappear?

13. Has the path ever been obstructed? **Yes / No**

If Yes, please state when, and describe the nature and location of the obstruction.

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Is the path obstructed now? **Yes / No**

Please mark the position of any gates, stiles, notices or obstructions on the accompanying map and provide dates where possible

Ownership and permissions

14. At any time when you have used the path, were you:

- a. related to the owner or occupier? **Yes / No**
- b. employed by the owner or occupier? **Yes / No**
- c. a tenant of the owner or occupier? **Yes / No**

If your answer to a, b, or c is 'Yes', please give details, including the name and address of the owner or occupier.....

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15. Have you ever been told by an owner, occupier or employee that the path was not public? **Yes / No**

If 'Yes', please give details.....

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16. Are you aware of any actions taken by the landowner to indicate use of the route was permissive (eg signs or annual closures of the path)? **Yes / No**

17. Have you ever sought or been given permission to use the path? **Yes / No**

If 'Yes', when and from whom?.....

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18. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the path, or told that the route was not public? **Yes / No**

If 'Yes', when and by whom?.....

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19. Has your use of the path ever been in exercise of a private right, such as visiting someone who lived along the path, going to your own land along the path or delivering goods? **Yes / No**

If Yes, please give details.....

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Additional Information

20. Do you possess any maps, deeds, photographs or other documents which show or refer to the path? **Yes / No**

If 'Yes', please give details.....
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22. If you have any other information which you think will assist us in determining the claim, please give details:.....
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23. If the claim is contested, are you prepared to give evidence at any local public inquiry that might result? **Yes / No**

If not, are you prepared to make a statutory declaration as to the truth of the above information? **Yes / No**

I confirm to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given on this form is correct and complete.

Signed **(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Prof)**

Date

If other than the path user, this form has been completed by:

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The investigation of a claim can take some time, and the Countryside Access Team has a considerable backlog of applications. As a result, it may be some time before you hear more about the claim.

When completed, the forms can be returned to the person co-ordinating the claim, or returned to:

Countryside Access Team, Culture, Communities and Business Services, Hampshire County Council, Castle Avenue, Winchester, SO23 8UL

Hampshire County Council fully complies with the Data Protection Act 1998. Notice of your application will be made public in accordance with the Public Rights of Way (Register of Applications under section 53(5) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) (England) Regulations 2005 and the information you enter on this form will become part of the permanent records kept on rights of way in Hampshire. This does not affect your statutory rights.