



**Lake District
National Park**

LAKE DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

CONFIRMATION OF DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER

WILDLIFE & COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 - SECTION 53

**FOOTPATH 409052/419049, GATERIGGHOW BRIDGE TO HOLLINS BRIDGE
ALONG THE RIVER IRT, PARISHES OF GOSFORTH AND WASDALE**

On 11 December 2025 the Secretary of State confirmed the above order adding a footpath alongside (and across) the River Irt from Gaterigghow Bridge at NY 107 041 to near Hollins Bridge at NY 104 029, as shown on the order plan. No bridge currently exists across the River Irt, and we will be working with various parties to look at this issue.

A copy of the order and plan may be seen during office hours at Customer Services, Cumberland Council, Market Hall, Market Square, Whitehaven, CA28 7JG, at the Lake District National Park Authority, Wayfaring House, Murley Moss, Oxenholme Road, Kendal, LA9 7RL or at Tynedale Farm Services, Farm Shop, Holmrook CA19 1UH. You can buy copies from the Authority for £3 each, or download from www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/rowchanges.

The order comes into force on 28 January 2026. If any person aggrieved by the order wants to question its validity, they can do so by applying to the High Court within six weeks from 28 January 2026. The grounds for applying are that: the order was not made within the powers of sections 53 or 54 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act, or that any requirement of the Act, or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with.

Authority Solicitor, 12 January 2026



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CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT

THE LAKE DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2023

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DATED:	8 March 2023
File Reference:	1422.411.02
Minute Reference:	Rights of Way Committee 25 January 2023
Archive Reference:	AM15

The foregoing order is hereby confirmed

Paul Freer

An Inspector appointed by The Secretary of
State for Environment, Food and
Rural Affairs

11 DEC 2025



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This order is made by the Lake District National Park Authority (“the Authority”) by virtue of an agreement between the Authority and Cumbria County Council whereby the Council delegated to the Authority its powers of surveying and modification under the provisions of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (“the Act”) in respect of the administrative area of the Lake District National Park.

The order is made pursuant to the provisions of Section 53 (2) (b) of the Act because it appears to the Authority that the Cumbria County Council Definitive Map and Statement require modification in consequence of the occurrence of an event specified in Section 53(3)(c)(i), namely the discovery by the Authority of evidence which (when considered with all other relevant evidence available to them) shows that a right of way which is not shown in the Map and Statement subsists or is reasonably alleged to subsist as a footpath.

The Authority has consulted with every local authority whose area includes the land to which the order relates. The Authority hereby orders that:

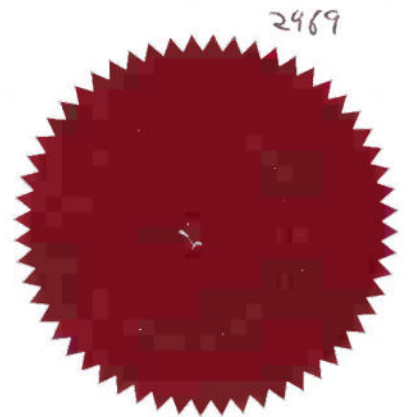
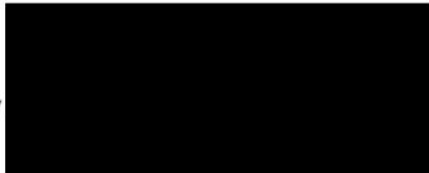
- 1 For the purposes of this order the relevant date shall be 25 January 2023.
- 2 The Cumbria Definitive Map and Statement shall be modified as described in the Schedule and shown on the plan attached to the order.

- 3 This order shall take effect on the date it is confirmed and may be cited as the Lake District National Park Authority Definitive Map Modification Order 2023, Footpath 409052/419049, Gaterigghow Bridge to Hollins Bridge along the River Irt, Parishes of Gosforth and Wasdale, and is dated 8 March 2023.

Dated the eighth day of March 2023

Executed as a deed by
affixing the Common Seal of
LAKE DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY
in the presence of:

Authorised Signatory



SCHEDULE

PART 1

Modification of the Definitive Map

Right of way to be added as indicated on plan	Description of route of right of way to be added
Marked with a bold broken line and shown A - K	<p>From FP 409049 (Point A: NY 1077 0410) on the northern side of Gaterigghow Bridge, southwestwards for 645 metres to Point B (NY 1032 0372) then southwards across the River Irt via a 15 metres span footbridge to Point C (NY 1032 0372) – then westwards and curving south, east, then south on the bank of the River Irt for 385 metres to Point F (NY 1026 0350), then southwestwards, southwards and south eastwards following trod and track for 645 metres alongside the river to FP 411013 at point K (NY 1040 0298) around 135 metres north-east of Hollins Bridge.</p> <p>Lengths A–A1, A2-B1, G1-G2 in Gosforth Parish (FP 409052). Lengths A1-A2, B1-G1, G2-K in Wasdale Parish (419049).</p> <p>Widths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NY 1077 0410 to NY 1047 0376 (vehicular track): 3 metres• NY 1047 0376 to NY 1032 0372 (trod): 1.5 metres (except at small bridge/boardwalk at NY 1037 0373 – 0.9 metres for 4.35 metres)• NY 1032 0372 to NY 1032 0370 (15 metres across footbridge): 1 metre• NY 1032 0370 to NY 1026 0350 (riverbank trod): 1.2 metres• NY 1026 0350 to NY 1021 0333 (trod between hedges / fence and river): 1.8 metres• NY 1021 0333 to NY 1040 0298 (farm vehicular track): 3.5 metres

PART 2

Modification of the Definitive Statement for Gosforth Parish – add the following:

Path Number	409052
Path Type	Footpath
Description	Three parts of the footpath running from Gaterigghow Bridge to Hollins Bridge in Gosforth (409052) and Wasdale (419049) Parishes - (i) From FP 409049 on the northern side of Gaterigghow Bridge, southwestwards for 335 metres along track to parish boundary, then (ii) from the parish boundary 90 metres further on, continuing as a track then trod for around 220 metres (crossing small bridge/boardwalk at NY 1037 0373 to main footbridge across the River Irt and parish boundary in the middle of the river. [Path continues on left-hand bank in Wasdale Parish (FP 419049)], then (ii) re-enters Gosforth Parish for 50 metres (track) before re-entering Wasdale 100 metres before junction with FP 411013. Widths – (i) & (ii) from Gaterigghow to NY 1047 0376 – 3 metres, then to footbridge 1.5 metres (except small bridge/boardwalk at NY 1037 0373 – 0.9 metres for 4.35 metres). Main footbridge – 1 metre wide. Southerly 50 metre section (iii) – 3.5 metres.
Remarks	Added by Modification Order, 2023
Limitations & Conditions	Field Gates at NY 1077 0410

Modification of the Definitive Statement for Wasdale Parish – add the following:

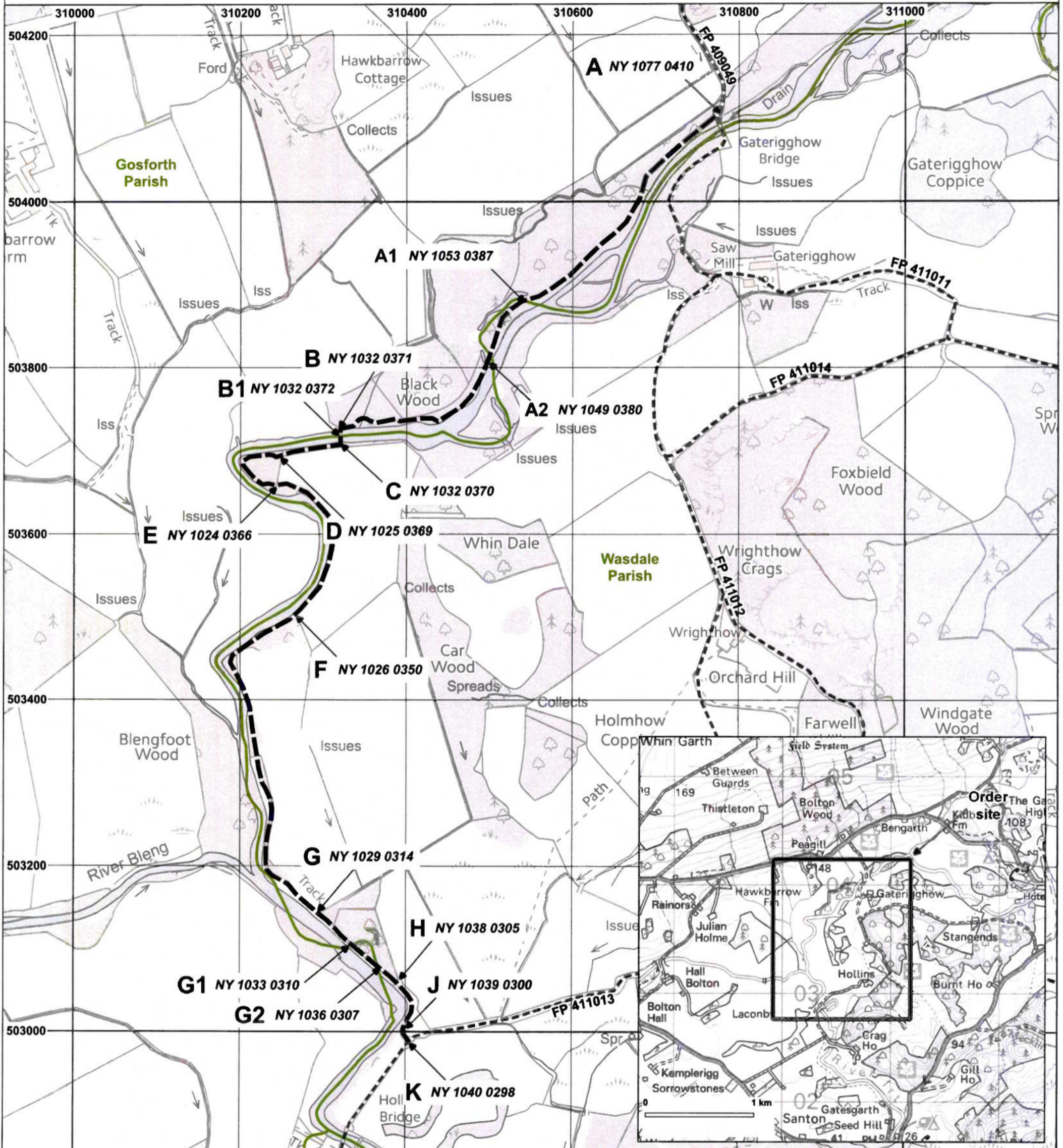
Path Number	419049
Path Type	Footpath
Description	Three parts of the footpath running from Gaterigghow Bridge to Hollins Bridge in Gosforth (409052) and Wasdale (419049) Parishes - (i) A 90 metre stretch of path on the northern bank of the River Irt around 335 metres south-west of Gaterigghow Bridge. (ii) From the middle of the River Irt west of Black Wood, southwards across half the footbridge, then westwards and curving southwards, eastwards, then southwards for 385 metres to stile on the bank of the River Irt, and southwestwards, southwards and south eastwards following trod and track for 495 metres – there entering Gosforth; (iii) from a point 50 metres further on - continuing alongside the river to FP 411013 at a point around 135 metres north-east of Hollins Bridge. Widths; (i) - 3 metres; (ii) & (iii) - 1 metre across footbridge, 1.2 metres from there to NY 1026 0350, 1.8 metres from there to NY 1021 0333, and 3.5 metres from there to FP 411013.
Remarks	Added by Modification Order, 2023
Limitations & Conditions	Field Gates at NY 1029 0314, NY 1038 0305, NY 1039 0300 Wooden Step Stile at NY 1026 0350

Limitations and Conditions

- Field Gates at NY 1077 0410, NY 1029 0314, NY 1038 0305, NY 1039 0300
 - Wooden Step Stile at NY 1026 0350

Gaterigghow Bridge to Hollins Bridge along the River Irt, Parishes of Gosforth (FP 409052) and Wasdale (FP 419049 formerly Irton-with-Santon)

Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 Section 53A



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- Add Footpath
- Parish boundary
- Unaffected rights of way
- Footpath

Centre of map:
NY 1055 0349

Date Authored:
08/03/2023

Authorised signatory:



Date: 8/3/2023