LAKE DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH CREATION AND DEFINITIVE MAP & STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2026

SECTION 26 HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
SECTION 53A(2) WILDLIFE & COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

CREATION OF FOOTPATHS 542045 & 542046, GRASMERE RIVERSIDE PATH, LAKES: GRASMERE PARISH

On 29 October 2026 we confirmed the above order creating a public footpath along the previously permitted path running from the public road south of the Wordsworth Hotel (NY337074) to and along the riverside to Broadgate Car Park at NY338077 (including the link across the millenium bridge to NY339074), then along the edge of the car park and through the recreation ground to the road at NY338079 opposite Broadgate Orchard, as shown on the order plan.

A copy of the order and plan may be seen during office hours at Customer Services, Westmorland & Furness Council, South Lakeland House, Lowther Street, Kendal, LA9 4DQ, at the Lake District National Park Authority, Wayfaring House, Murley Moss, Oxenholme Road, Kendal, LA9 7RL or at Grasmere Post Office, Unit 2, The Old Coach House, Stock Lane, Grasmere, LA22 9JL. You can buy copies from the Authority for £3 each, or download from www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/rowchanges

Any person who wishes to claim compensation under Section 28 of the 1980 Act for depreciation or damage by disturbance arising as a result of the order must make a claim in writing to the Solicitor to the Authority to arrive not later than 13 May 2027

The order will come into force on 12 November 2026. If any person aggrieved by the order wants to question its validity, or any provision contained in it, they can apply to the High Court within six weeks from 12 November 2026. The grounds for applying are that: the order was not made within the powers of the Highways Act 1980 (as amended), or that any requirement of the Act (as amended), or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with.

Authority Solicitor, 29 October 2026

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HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 26

WILDLIFE & COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 – SECTION 53A(2)

THE LAKE DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY
PUBLIC PATH CREATION AND DEFINITIVE MAP & STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2026

CREATION OF FOOTPATHS 542045 & 542046
GRASMERE RIVERSIDE PATH, LAKES: GRASMERE PARISH

DATED:	18 June 2026
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This order is made by the Lake District National Park Authority ("the Authority") under section 26 of the Highways Act 1980 ("the 1980 Act") because it appears to the Authority that, having regard to the matters set out in section 26(1), there is a need for public footpaths over the land to which this order relates, and that it is expedient that the footpaths should be created.

This order is also made under section 53A(2) of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 ("the 1981 Act") because it appears to the Authority that the County of Cumbria Definitive Map & Statement require modification in consequence of the occurrence of an event specified in section 53(3)(a)(iii) of the 1981 Act; namely the creation (as authorised by this order) of new public footpaths over the land in the area to which the map relates.

Westmorland and Furness Council and Lakes Parish Council have been consulted as required by Section 26(3) of the 1980 Act; Natural England has also been consulted.

BY THIS ORDER

1 From the date of first publication of the confirmation of this order there shall be two footpaths over the land at Grasmere Riverside and Recreation Ground, Grasmere as described in Part 1 of the Schedule to this order and shown by bold broken lines on the plan attached to this order. And on the same date the County of Cumbria Definitive Map shall be modified by adding those ways to it, and the County of Cumbria Definitive Statement shall be modified as described in Part 3 of the Schedule to this order.

2 The rights conferred on the public under this order shall be subject to any limitations and conditions set out in Part 2 of the Schedule.

3 This order is called the Lake District National Park Authority Public Path Creation and Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2026 - Creation of Footpaths 542045 & 542046, Grasmere Riverside Path, Lakes: Grasmere Parish and is dated 18 June 2026.

Dated the Eighteenth day of June 2026

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

Authorised Signatory . [redacted]



SCHEDULE

PART 1

Description of land and modification of definitive map

Section of footpath as indicated on plan	Description of public right of way created and added to definitive map footpath
Marked with a bold broken line and shown A-B-D-E-F-H-J-K	Footpath 542045 from the Church Stile public road (B5287) south of the Wordsworth Hotel (Point A: NY 3373 0745) south-eastwards for 75 metres [width: 3.0 metres] then southwards for 45 metres [width 1.8 metres] along surfaced path to the right bank of the River Rothay, then generally eastwards and northwards for 195 metres along the Riverside [width varying between 1.6 and 1.8 metres with 1.5 metre pinch point at NY 3385 0737] to the Millennium Bridge (Point B: NY 3395 0742) continuing north-westwards for 155 metres on the same bank [width varying between 1.6 and 1.8 metres with 1.3 metre pinch point at NY 3384 0751] to the Wordsworth Bridge (Point D: NY 3383 0751). Then crossing the bridge [10.5 metre span, 1.15 metres width] and continuing north-westwards and north-eastwards along the left bank for around 275 metres [width varying between 1.6 and 1.8 metres] to Broadgate Bridge, there crossing the Rothay [bridge 17 metres, width of 0.9 metres] to the right bank (Point H: NY 3386 0771) and continuing east-north-eastwards for 70 metres along the edge of Broadgate Meadow Car Park [width varying between 1.3 and 1.6 metres] to Point J (NY 3391 0776) continuing generally northwards along tarmac riverside path [width of 1.6 metres] through Recreation Ground for around 190 metres, then westwards for 85 metres to gate [1.6 metres] onto Broadgate public road (B5287) opposite Broadgate Orchard (Point K: NY 3382 0792).
Marked with a bold broken line and shown B-C	Footpath 542046 from FP 542045 at Point B (NY 3395 0742) eastwards across the River Rothay via the Millennium Bridge (around 16 metres, 2.0 metres wide), then southwards down ramp for 4.5 metres (1.8 metres wide) to FP 542035 at Point C (NY 3397 0741).

PART 2

Limitations and conditions

Wicket gate 1.6 metres wide at NY 3382 0792 with trombone catch to LDNP Standards 2011

PART 3

Modification of the Definitive Statement

Particulars to be added to Definitive Statement for Lakes (Grasmere) Parish

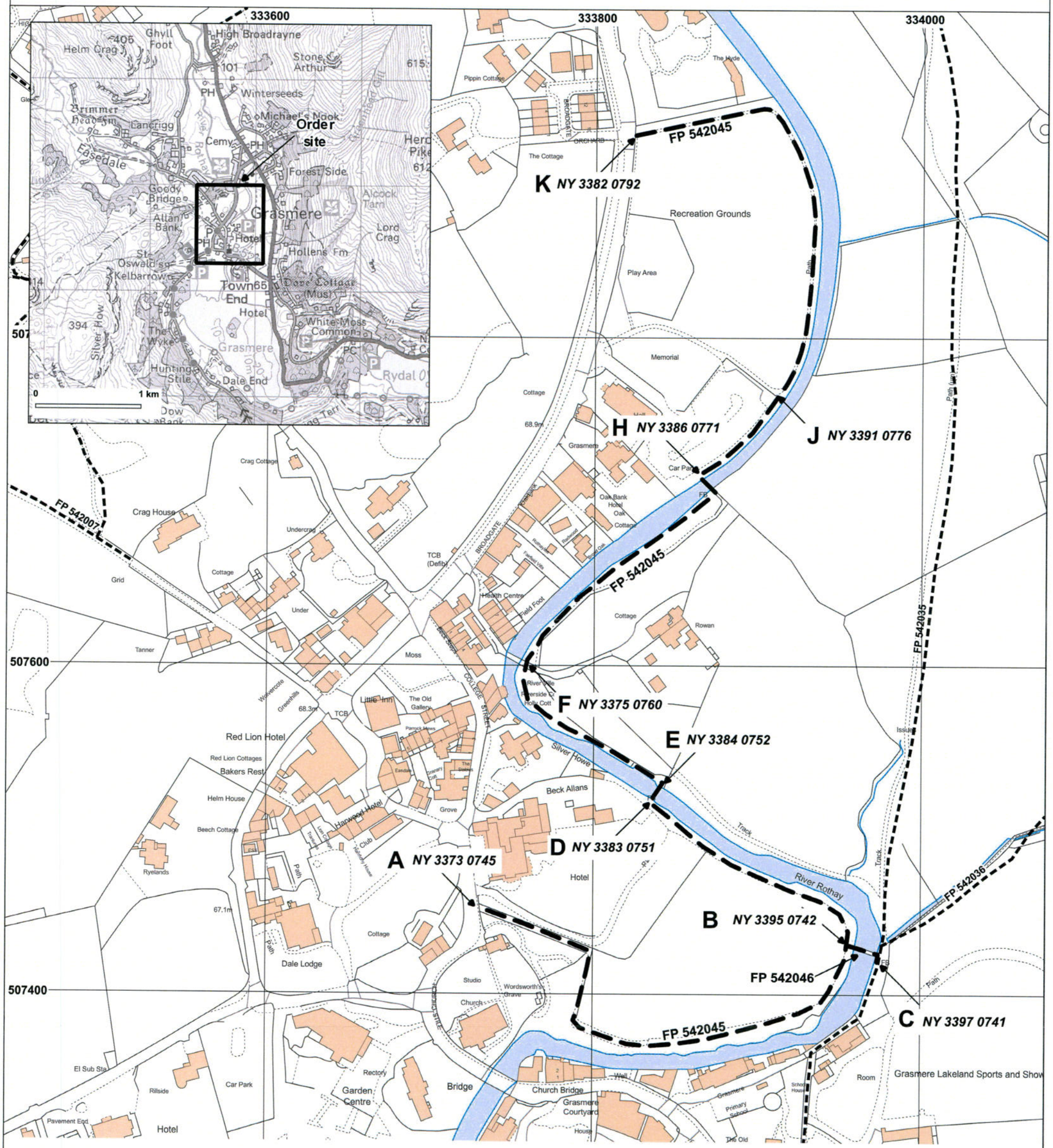
Path Number	525045
Path Type	Footpath
Description	From the Church Stile public road (B5287) south of the Wordsworth Hotel at NY 3373 0745 south-eastwards for 75 metres [width: 3.0 metres] then southwards for 45 metres [width 1.8 metres] along surfaced path to the right bank of the River Rothay, then generally eastwards and northwards for 195 metres along the Riverside [width varying between 1.6 and 1.8 metres with 1.5 metre pinch point at NY 3385 0737] to the Millennium Bridge continuing north-westwards for 155 metres on the same bank [width varying between 1.6 and 1.8 metres with 1.3 metre pinch point at NY 3384 0751] to the Wordsworth Bridge. Then crossing the bridge [10.5 metre span, 1.15 metres width] and continuing north-westwards and north-eastwards along the left bank for around 275 metres [width varying between 1.6 and 1.8 metres] to Broadgate Bridge, there crossing the Rothay [bridge 17 metres, width of 0.9 metres] to the right bank and continuing east-north-eastwards for 70 metres along the edge of Broadgate Meadow Car Park [width varying between 1.3 and 1.6 metres] continuing generally northwards along tarmac riverside path [width of 1.6 metres] through Recreation Ground for around 190 metres, then westwards for 85 metres to gate [1.6 metres] onto Broadgate public road (B5287) opposite Broadgate Orchard at NY 3382 0792.
Remarks	Added by Creation Order, 2026
Limitations & Conditions	Wicket gate 1.6 metres wide at NY 3382 0792 with trombone catch to LDNP Standards 2011

Path Number	525046
Path Type	Footpath
Description	From FP 542045 at NY 3395 0742 eastwards across the River Rothay via the Millennium Bridge (around 16 metres, 2.0 metres wide), then southwards down ramp for 4.5 metres (1.8 metres wide) to FP 542035 north of the Reading Rooms.
Remarks	Added by Creation Order, 2026
Limitations & Conditions	None

Creation of Public Footpaths 542045 and 542046, Grasmere Riverside Path, Lakes: Grasmere Parish

Highways Act 1980 Section 26 and Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 Section 53A(2)

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Footpath to be created

Unaffected public rights of way

Public footpath

Centre of map:
NY 3375 0763

Date Authored:
02/04/2026

Authorised signatory:

[redacted]

Date: 18/6/2026

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PUBLIC PATH CREATION AND DEFINITIVE MAP & STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2026
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The above-named Order was confirmed by the Lake District National Park Authority unopposed and without modification on 29 October 2026

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Authorised Signatory, on behalf of the Lake District National Park Authority