The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014

These require that officers keep and publish a written record of decisions which are made, either:

a) under a specific express authorisation or

b) under general delegated authority, where the effect of the decision is to

i) grant permission or licence;

ii) affect the rights of an individual; or

iii) award a contract or incur expenditure which, in either case , materially affects the Authority's financial position (£50,000 or over).

Section 33 Road Traffic Act 1988 Consent, Grizedale Stages Rally, 5 December 2026

Relevant section of Scheme of Delegation

PART 4 - DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS TO OFFICERS - ANNEX 4 - Functions delegated to Head of Ranger Service and sub-delegated to Ranger Team Leaders.

Rights of Way and Access Matters - All functions of the Authority under the Highway Acts (whether acting pursuant to its own functions or in pursuance of functions delegated to it by the Highway Authorities) except for the making and confirmation of Definitive Map Modification Orders (Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) and the decision to refer to the Planning Inspectorate of the confirmation of any orders under the Highway Acts where formal substantive representations have been made. "Substantive representations" are those which explain adequately the nature of the concerns and meet the legal considerations defined by the Highways Acts and the Planning Acts.

Background

The Grizedale Stages Rally is an annual event run by the Furness & District Motor Club which has been running for over 30 years. A number of public paths are

crossed or used by the event, this year taking place only over land in Grizedale Forest, all owned by Forestry England. Section 33 consent (Road Traffic Act, 1988) is required to authorise a motor vehicle trial to be held on public rights of way.

Details of Decision

Consent is granted subject to the usual conditions.

Details of alternative options considered and rejected

Not granting consent. This would be unreasonable – the event is well run, and no significant incidents have arisen during past events. The landowner (Forestry England) is happy to host the event, and the public paths will be marshalled. A thorough Safety and Incident Management Plan is in place. A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) over affected rights of way and open access restrictions (issued by Forestry England) will also be in effect during the event (consultation on the TTRO is currently underway). A query has been raised over the last couple of years by one of our consultees (Open Spaces Society) in relation to our policy on such activities and their impact on public amenity – this has been passed to the Ranger Team Leaders for consideration as to whether further discussion on our approach is warranted and to decide who would make a strategic decision regarding this.

Where a decision is made under an express authorisation, names of any Member(s) who have declared a conflict of interest

None

Lead Director	Hanna Latty, Director of Sustainable Development
Author and contact details of report	Will Hinchliffe, Rights of Way Officer
Background Papers	Case file 1480.019
Date of Report	22 October 2026
Authorising officer	Steve Tatlock
Date	26 October 2026

Graham Parker
Grizedale Stages Rally
The Hollins
New Hutton
Kendal
Cumbria
LA8 0AG

29 October 2026

Our Reference: WH/1480.006

Dear Graham,

Section 33 Consent for Grizedale Stages Rally 2026

Thank you for supplying details of the proposed route of this year's rally.

The following sections of public footpaths and bridleways will be used by vehicles on Saturday 5 December 2026, as listed in Schedule 1 (Grizedale East - east of the Hawkshead to Satterthwaite road and south of the U5050) and Schedule 2 (Grizedale West - west of the Hawkshead to Satterthwaite road), and shown on Maps 1 and 2 below.

We grant consent under Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 for these footpaths and bridleways to be used by vehicles taking part in the 2026 Grizedale Stages Rally subject to the conditions listed overleaf.

If you have any queries about this matter, please contact Will Hinchliffe, Rights of Way Officer (will.hinchliffe@lakedistrict.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

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You (the event organisers) shall:

1. Repair any significant damage to the surface of the footpaths and bridleways or to any walls, fences, stiles, bridges, gates or other wayside fixtures caused by the event. If this is not done within a reasonable time after notice has been given, we (the National Park Authority) shall have the right to carry out the work and charge the cost to you.

2. Indemnify us against any legal liability in respect of any claim arising out of this authorisation and any expense to which we may be put in defending any claims.

3. Arrange for marshals, over 18 years of age, to be posted at the agreed locations. Marshals must be aware of radio locations for communication.

4. Arrange for notice of any Temporary Traffic Regulation Order to be displayed in a prominent position at each end of the length of road to which the order relates and at the points at which it will be necessary for traffic to diverge from the right of way, stating the effect of the order and, where applicable, the alternative route or routes available for traffic (locations shown on signing maps provided). Each notice shall be displayed throughout the period during which the order is in force and you shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that the notices remain in a legible condition and continue to be so displayed for so long as the order remains in force or are promptly replaced as often as occasion requires during that period.

5. Remove the signs after the event has finished.

6. Remove litter deposited on any affected footpath or bridleway during the event.

7. Report any accidents or near miss incidents involving spectators or public rights of way users to us within 48 hours of any event.

8. Take all reasonable safety precautions to protect members of the public using or intending to use any footpaths or bridleways irrespective of the formal closure of these routes to the public.

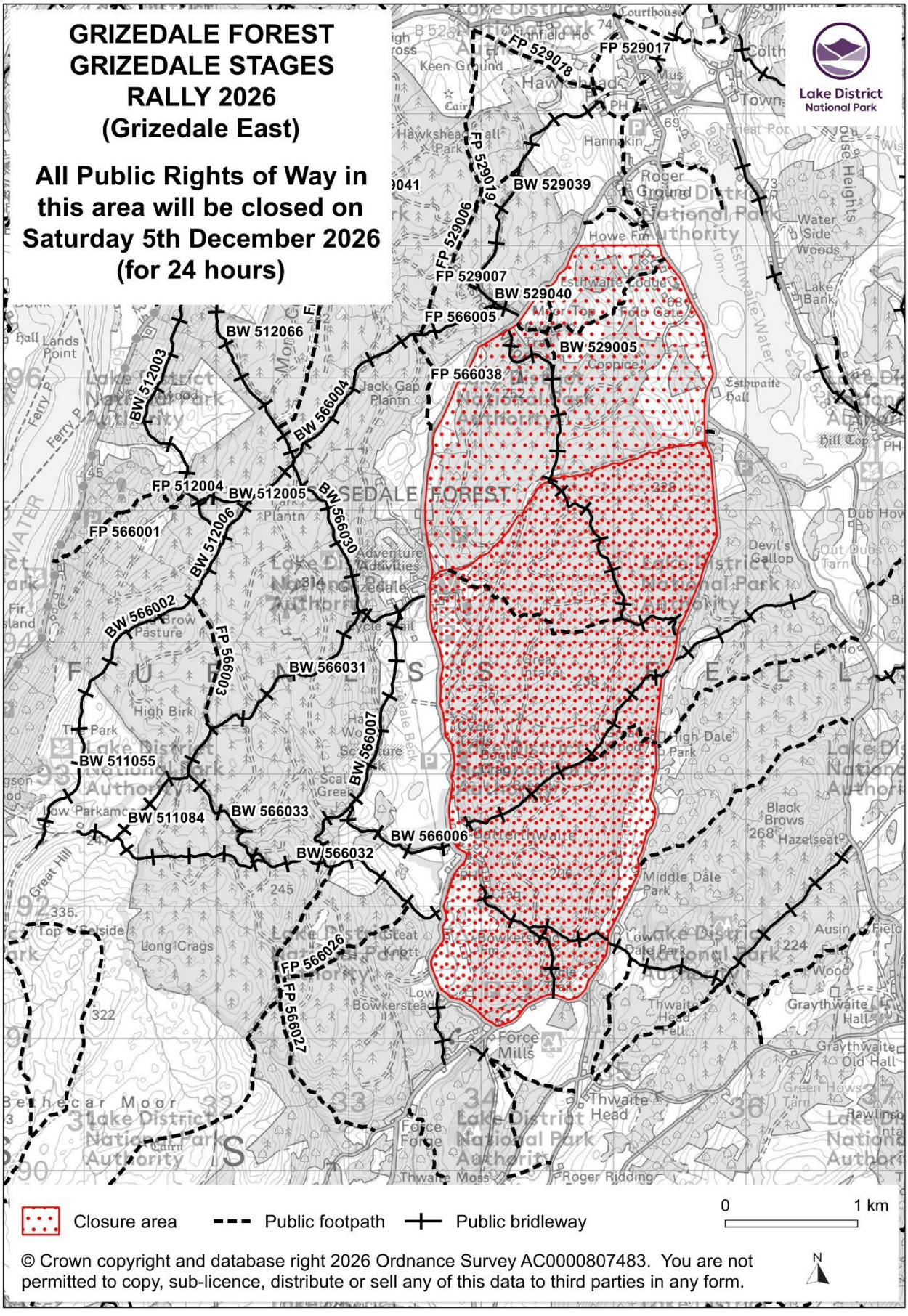
SCHEDULE 1 – Grizedale East

Parish	Right of Way	From (SD)	To (SD)
Satterthwaite	BW 566008	354 937	338 926
Satterthwaite	BW 566011	339 921	349 917
Satterthwaite	BW 566012	343 918	345 913
Satterthwaite	BW 566021	345 952	354 940
Satterthwaite	FP 566028	337 945	350 941
Satterthwaite	FP 566029	347 931	353 932

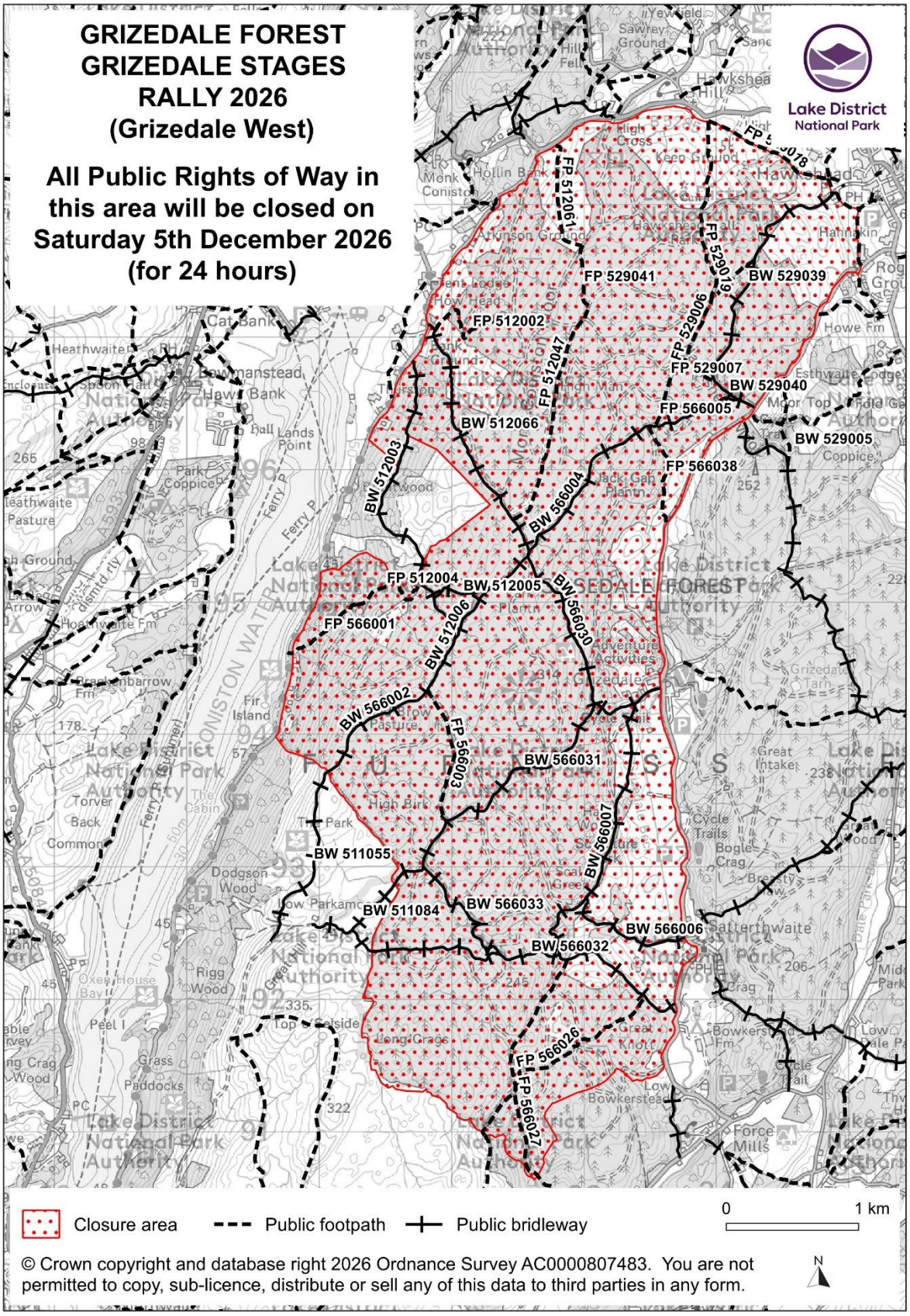
SCHEDULE 2 – Grizedale West

Parish	Right of Way		From (SD)	To (SD)
Colton	BW	511055	306 924	310 937
Colton	BW	511084	309 925	315 928
Colton	BW	511085	314 923	312 925
Coniston	BW	512066	318 970	325 955
Coniston	FP	512002	318 970	324 971
Coniston	BW	512003	317 968	320 947
Coniston	FP	512004	312 949	317 951
Coniston	BW	512005	323 951	318 950
Coniston	BW	512006	318 944	323 951
Coniston	FP	512047	324 956	329 971
Coniston	FP	512061	329 976	327 984
Hawkshead	BW	529005	338 963	342 964
Hawkshead	FP	529006	342 975	339 966
Hawkshead	FP	529007	336 965	337 968
Hawkshead	FP	529019	339 972	339 986
Hawkshead	BW	529039	341 965	349 980
Hawkshead	FP	529041	329 971	330 976
Satterthwaite	FP	566001	307 946	312 949
Satterthwaite	BW	566002	310 937	318 944
Satterthwaite	FP	566003	319 933	318 943
Satterthwaite	BW	566004	323 951	337 963
Satterthwaite	FP	566005	335 963	336 965
Satterthwaite	BW	566006	337 924	330 927
Satterthwaite	BW	566007	328 923	333 942
Satterthwaite	FP	566026	334 920	322 909
Satterthwaite	FP	566027	326 906	328 923
Satterthwaite	BW	566030	325 955	330 942
Satterthwaite	BW	566031	335 943	315 928
Satterthwaite	BW	566032	314 923	336 919
Satterthwaite	BW	566033	323 923	317 930
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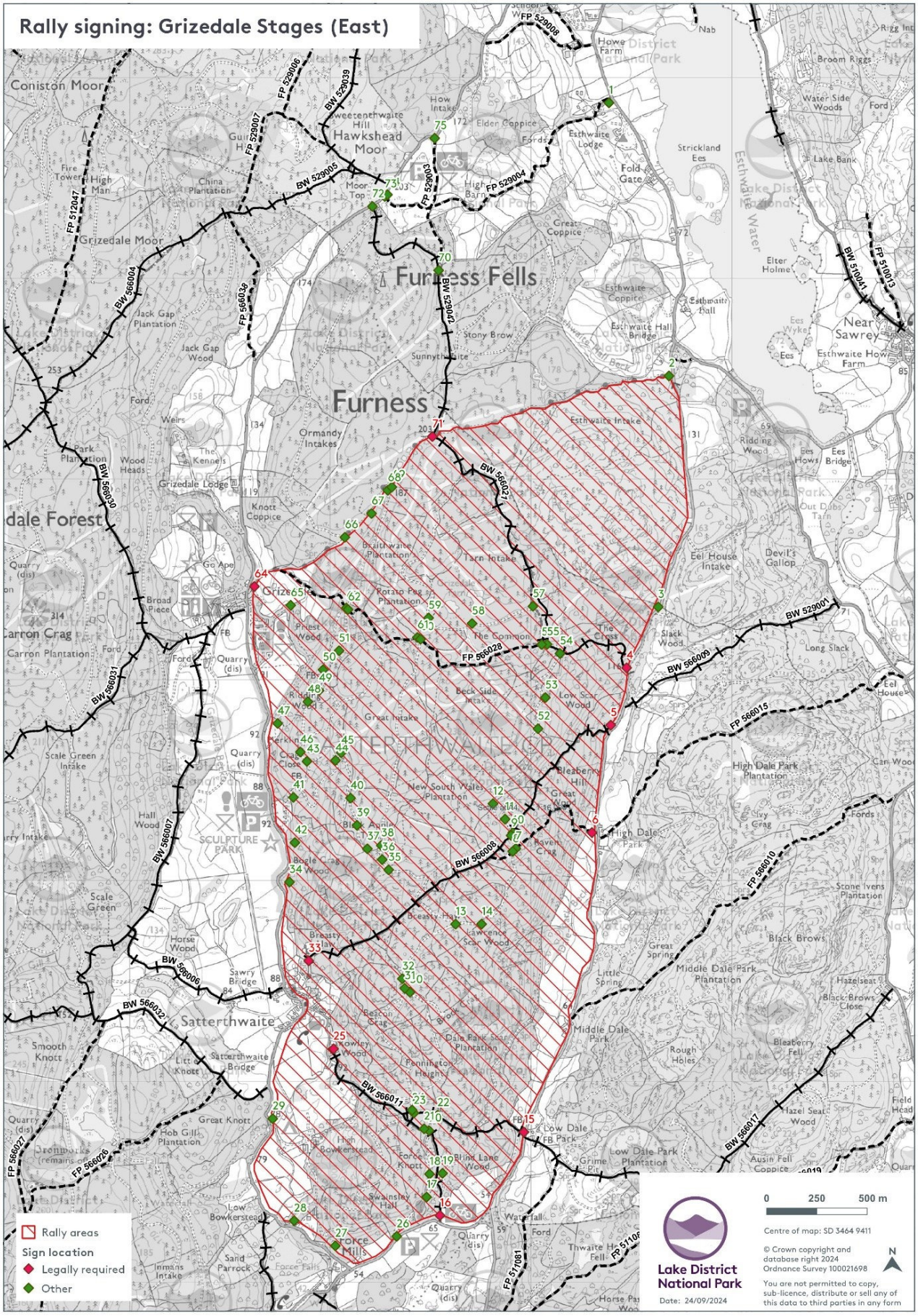
MAP 1: Grizedale Forest East



MAP 2: Grizedale Forest West



Sign Locations (Grizedale East)



Sign Locations (Grizedale West)

