

Metadata Elements

Title *	CROW Access Layer
Alternative Title	CROW Access Land
Dataset Language *	0
Abstract *	The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CROW Act) normally gives a public right of access to land mapped as 'open country' (mountain, moor, heath and down) or registered common land. These areas are known as 'open access land'. Even within land of these types there are some exceptions to the access rights, for more information on the rights and restrictions of CROW land please visit this link: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/open-access-land-management-rights-and-responsibilities . Section 16 of the 2000 Act also provides freeholders and long leaseholders with the opportunity to voluntarily dedicate their land as access land - whether or not the land is mountain, moor, heath, down or registered common land. This dataset contains boundaries of each Open Access Mapping Area in England. The boundaries were devised in order to undertake the mapping process for the CROW Act 2000.
Resource Locator	https://naturalengland-defra.opendata.arcgis.com/
Data Format	shapefile
Resource Type *	dataset
Unique Resource Identifier	0

Classification of Spatial Data & Services

Topic Category *	0
INSPIRE Themes	Access
Spatial Data Service Type	0
Coupled Resource	0

Keyword

Keyword	Geographic Information
Originating Controlled Vocabulary	Natural England Controlled Vocabulary

Geographic Location

Extent *	England
West Bound Longitude *	-7.32
East Bound Longitude *	-5.71
North Bound Longitude *	55.81
South Bound Longitude *	49.86
Vertical Minimum Extent	20m
Vertical Maximum Extent	100m
Spatial Reference System *	British National Grid

Temporal Reference

Temporal Extent - Start Date of Data Capture *	2004-11-30
Temporal Extent - End Date of Data Capture *	2024-12-04
Date of Creation *	2004-11-30
Date of Last Revision *	2025-06-04
Dataset Reference Date *	2025-09-25
Dataset Reference Type *	revision

Quality & Validity

Lineage *	Created under the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000, the Mapping Area boundaries were digitised from OS Boundary Line by the Countryside Agency.
Spatial Resolution	n/a
Additional Information Source	n/a
Frequency of Update *	As needed
Equivalent Scale	n/a

Conformity

Specification	n/a
Degree	conformant
Explanation	conformant

Constraints Related To Access & Use

Use Constraints *	No conditions apply
	n/a
Limitations on Public Use *	Publicly accessible (OGL)
Licence*	Open Government Licence
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