

## What are public rights of way?

A public right of way is a path that anyone has the legal right to use on foot. In some cases, other methods of transport are also permitted.

Many are in the countryside, but some are also in urban areas. Where they leave the road they will be marked by a fingerpost or marker. The different types of public rights of way are often marked along their route in specific colours:

- Public footpaths are open only to walkers - waymarked with **yellow arrows**
- Public bridleways are open to walkers, horse-riders and cyclists - waymarked with **blue arrows**
- Restricted byways are open to walkers, horse-riders, and non-motorised vehicles such as horse-drawn carriages and cycles - waymarked with **purple arrows**
- Byways open to all traffic (BOATs) are open to all classes of traffic including motor vehicles - waymarked with **red arrows**