

**Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000**

**NOTICE OF RELEVANT AUTHORITY DECISION  
FOLLOWING REVIEW OF DIRECTION RESTRICTING  
CROW ACCESS**

**Prepared by Natural England**

**Access authority:** Cumbria County Council & Northumbria County Council  
**Relevant authority:** Natural England  
**Local access forum:** Northumberland Joint LAF & Cumbria and Lakes Joint Local Access Forum  
**Direction reference:** 2009050253

<b>Land Parcel Name</b>	<b>Direction Reference</b>	<b>Details of restriction on original direction</b>
Willyshaw Rigg	2009050253	Dogs on Leads - from 01/08 to 10/12 each year to avoid disturbance to game birds

Natural England has now decided how to proceed following its review of the long-term direction to restrict open access rights on this land.

We received feedback from the Cumbria and Lakes Joint Local Access Forum who were happy for the restriction to continue as original proposed and who recommended signage at access points during the restriction period.

**Outcome of the review:**

Natural England's decision is to leave the original direction unchanged in the way it was originally proposed and extend the end date for a further six years.

The restriction is that dogs must be kept on a lead each year from 1st August to 10th December. It is necessary to restrict CROW access rights to this extent to avoid disturbance to game.

Natural England's policy for long-term directions is that they should not be given for a period of more than six years. Therefore the original direction will be extended to an end date of 29<sup>th</sup> July 2030.

Where a direction restricts access indefinitely, for more than five years, for part of every year, or for part of at least six consecutive years, we have a statutory duty to review it within five years of the date of its issue.

Date review completed: 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024