

COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND
DRURIDGE BAY COUNTRY PARK BYELAWS

BYELAWS made by the County Council of Northumberland under Section 41 of the Countryside Act 1968, with respect to Druridge Bay Country Park.

1. INTERPRETATION

In these byelaws:

“the Council” means Northumberland County Council;

“the Park” means the area known as Druridge Bay Country Park, which is described in the Schedule to these byelaws and outlined on the plan attached to these byelaws.

2. VEHICLES

- (1) No person shall, without reasonable excuse, ride or drive a motor cycle, motor vehicle or any other mechanically propelled vehicle (other than a cycle) in the Park, or bring or cause to be brought into the Park a motor cycle, motor vehicle, trailer or any other mechanically propelled vehicle (other than a cycle) except in any part of the Park where there is a right of way for that class of vehicle.
- (2) No person shall, without reasonable excuse, ride a cycle, except in any part of the Park where there is a right of way for cycles, or along such routes as may be fixed by the Council and indicated by signs placed in conspicuous positions, between it and the entrance to the Park.
- (3) If the Council has set apart a space in the Park for use by vehicles of any class, this byelaw shall not prevent the riding or driving of those vehicles in the space so set apart, or on a route, indicated by signs placed in conspicuous positions, between it and the entrance to the Park.
- (4) This byelaw shall not extend to invalid carriages.
- (5) In this byelaw:-

“cycle” means a bicycle, a tricycle, or a cycle having four or more wheels, not being in any case a motor cycle or motor vehicle.

“invalid carriage” means a vehicle, whether mechanically propelled or not, the unladen weight of which does not exceed 150 kilograms, the

width of which does not exceed 0.85 metres which has been constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of one person, being a person suffering from some physical defect of disability and is used solely by such a person.

“motor cycle” means a mechanically propelled vehicle, not being an invalid carriage, with less than four wheels and the weight of which unladen does not exceed 410 kilograms;

“motor vehicle” means a mechanically propelled vehicle, not being an invalid carriage, intended or adapted for use on roads;

“trailer” means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle, and includes a caravan.

3. TRADING

No person shall in the Park, without the consent of the Council, sell, or offer or expose for sale, or let to hire, or offer or expose for letting to hire, any commodity or article.

4. CAMPING

No person shall in the Park, without the consent of the Council, erect a tent or use any vehicle, including a caravan, or any other structure for the purpose of camping, between sunset and sunrise, except on any area which may be set apart and indicated by notice as a place where camping is permitted.

5. FIRES

- (1) No person shall in the Park intentionally light a fire, or place, throw or let fall a lighted match or any other thing so as to be likely to cause a fire.
- (2) This byelaw shall not prevent:-
 - (a) the lighting or use of a properly constructed camping stove or cooker, in such a manner as not to cause danger of or damage by fire; or
 - (b) the lighting of a fire on the foreshore below mean high water mark, in such a position and in such a manner as not to cause danger of or damage by fire to the adjacent dune grassland.

6. PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE

- (1) No person shall in the Park intentionally kill, injure, take or disturb any animal, or engage in hunting or shooting, or the setting of traps or nets, or the laying of snares.
- (2) Other than on the foreshore below mean high water mark, no person shall in the Park intentionally kill, injure, take or disturb any fish, or engage in fishing.

7. MISSILES

No person shall in the Park, to the danger or annoyance of any other person in the Park, throw or discharge any missile.

8. HORSE-RIDING

- (1) No person shall in the Park intentionally or negligently ride or lead a horse to the danger of any other person using the Park.
- (2) Other than on the foreshore below mean high water mark, no person shall, except at such times and along such routes as may be fixed by the Council and described on a notice board set up in some conspicuous place in the Park, ride or lead a horse in any part of the Park.

9. GRAZING

No person shall, without the consent of the Council, turn out or permit any animal to graze in the Park.

10. BOATING

Other than on the foreshore below mean high water mark, no person shall on any waterway in the Park launch, operate or sail any boat, powered craft, dinghy, canoe, sailboard, inflatable or any like craft, without the consent of the Council.

11. REMOVAL OF STRUCTURES

No person shall, without reasonable excuse, remove from or displace in the Park any barrier, railing, post or seat, or any part of any structure, post, seat, wall or building, or any implement provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the Park.

12. REMOVAL OF SUBSTANCES

- (1) No person shall remove from or displace in the Park any soil, turf or other material (including sand) from the ground surface or below.

- (2) This byelaw shall not apply to the removal of sea coal, drift wood or similar tide-borne materials or to the localised displacement only of sand on the foreshore below mean high water mark.

13. POLLUTION OF WATERWAYS

No person shall intentionally, carelessly or negligently foul or pollute any waterway comprised in the Park.

14. WATERCOURSES

No person shall knowingly cause or permit the flow of any drain or watercourse in the Park to be obstructed or diverted, or open, shut or otherwise work or operate any sluice or similar apparatus in the Park.

15. NOISE

- (1) No person in the Park shall, after being requested to desist by an officer of the Council, or by any person annoyed or disturbed, or by any person acting on his behalf:

- (a) by shouting or singing;

- (b) by playing on a musical instrument; or

- (c) by operating or permitting to be operated any radio, gramophone, amplifier, tape recorder or similar instrument;

cause or permit to be made any noise which is so loud or so continuous or repeated as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to other persons in the Park.

- (2) This byelaw shall not apply to any person holding or taking park in any activity held with the consent of the Council.

16. OBSTRUCTION

No person shall in the Park:-

- (a) intentionally obstruct any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his/her duties;

- (b) intentionally obstruct any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council; or

- (c) intentionally obstruct any other person in the proper use of the Park, or behave so as to give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons in the Park.

17. SAVINGS

- (1) An act necessary to the proper execution of his/her duty in the Park by an officer of the Council, or any act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council, shall not be an offence under these byelaws.
- (2) Nothing in or done under any of the provisions of these byelaws shall in any respect prejudice or injuriously affect any public right of way through the Park, or the rights of any person acting legally by virtue of some estate, right or interest in, over in affecting the Park or any part thereof.
- (3) Nothing in these byelaws shall be deemed to be or shall operate as a grant by or on behalf of the Crown as owner of the foreshore below high water mark of any estate or interest in or right over such foreshore, or any part thereof, nor shall anything in or done under any of the provisions of these byelaws in any respect prejudice or injuriously affect the rights and interests of the Crown in such foreshore, or prevent the exercise thereon of any public right, or prejudice or injuriously affect any right, power or privilege legally exercisable by any person in, over and in respect of the foreshore.

18. PENALTY

Any person offending against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

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SCHEDULE

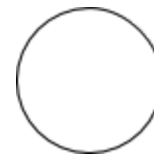
Areas of land which these byelaws relate:-

1. 135 hectares or thereabouts of land and water known as the Druridge Bay Country Park, situated in the Parishes of East Chevington, Hauxley, and Togston, being in the ownership of the Council, and comprising:
 - (a) 84 hectares or thereabouts of land and water on the restored opencast site, lying between the A.1068 and C.110 county roads and to the east of Hadston village, with its central feature of a lake 20.5 hectares in extent and surrounding grassland and woodland;
 - (b) 51 hectares or thereabouts of dune land, extending from a point to the south of Low Hauxley to Chibburn Mouth, a distance of some 4.75 kilometres.

2. 175 hectares or thereabouts of foreshore, situated within the Parishes, leased by the Council from the Crown Estate Commissioners, and extending for a distance of some 6.5 kilometres between a point on Amble Links (at the former Amble Urban District boundary) and Chibburn Mouth.

THE COMMON SEAL of the COUNTY
COUNCIL OF NORTHUMBERLAND was
Hereunto affixed on the eighth day of March
1994 in the presence of:-

(Sgd) W E ASHBRIDGE
Chairman of the County Council

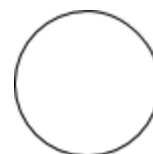


(Sgd) T P URWIN
Director of Administration
Duly Authorised Officer

The foregoing byelaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State and
shall come into operation on the tenth day of October 1994.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

(Sgd) M E HEAD
An Assistant Under-Secretary of State
30 September 1994



Home Office
LONDON, SW1

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the byelaws as confirmed by the
Secretary of State on 30 September 1994.

(Sgd) T. P. URWIN
Director of Administration