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King Charles III England Coast Path (Coastal Access) – Wallasea Island to Burnham-on-Crouch Commencement of public access rights

You may be aware that in March 2024 the Secretary of State for Defra approved the final elements of Natural England's proposals to improve coastal access between Wallasea Island and Burnham-on-Crouch

Working on behalf of Natural England, Essex County Council has been completing the necessary works on the ground to make the route accessible and obvious to the public.

I am writing to inform you that the Order to commence the rights of access under section 2(1) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 will be passed with effect that the rights will come into force on **Wednesday 25th March 2026**.

The new public access rights relate to the King Charles III England Coast Path and an associated coastal margin over which the public have a right of access, subject to local restrictions and exclusions.

Natural England has given directions to exclude and/or restrict public access rights on parts of the England Coast Path and/ or the coastal margin as set out in our proposals.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/england-coast-path-on-mersea-island-comment-on-proposals>

This may be due to salt marsh or flat that is unsuitable for walking or for public safety and land management reasons. You should have been made aware of any restrictions/ exclusions on your land during the development phase. Details of all restrictions / exclusions will appear on the relevant map of access land on the open access website:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/497afccf7a4db6884b8bedd23121f5>

Contact details

In the future if you do have any queries regarding the day to day management of the new rights please contact the local authority access officers at Essex County Council.

If as a land owner or occupier you consider that there is **a need for access to be restricted in the future** please contact **Natural England's Open Access Contact Centre** on:

- Telephone: 0300 060 2091
- Email: open.access@naturalengland.org.uk
- Website: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/open-access-land-and-the-coastal-margin-how-to-restrict-public-access>

For more **general queries** regarding coastal access please contact the **Natural England enquires team** on:

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Thank you for your support and cooperation in bringing this about.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darren Braine', written over a light grey rectangular background.

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