

National Park Access Updates March 2025

Access For All Funds.

Our partnership project with Forestry England at Knightwood Oak is finishing this month. The areas beside the oak was cut back by NPA and FE ranger staff, new interpretation has been installed and the gravel from the old path is being removed for re-use elsewhere. We are hopeful of further capital access grants from government in Q1 of 2025/2026.

Volunteering.

The winter nature-recovery tasks have gone well and we are now preparing for the summer programme of path clearance. We have already trained four new volunteers in the use of electric brush-cutters and hedge-trimmers and will run further training courses. Volunteers will be out clearing paths from May with larger, hedge-related works happening after August to avoid bird nesting season.

Access improvements at Copythorne Common.

We have replaced two gates and a stile with three new metal gates at Copythorne common along with several stretches of fencing to better enable grazing on site. In summer will be conduct some small scale surface works which will complete the LEI work at Copythorne Common.

Breamore Railway line project update

We have been successful in our Breamore Railway bid and have recruited a new part-time staff member to help lead this area of work and look for new projects. The Breamore Railway line is a three-year project with preparatory work starting this year and works on the ground starting in 2026.

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