

Public Right of Way User Evidence Form

This form has been prepared to allow you to give evidence of your use of a claimed public right of way. Please be aware that the information you give may be disclosed to other interested parties including the landowner, and may be produced at any public inquiry which looks into the claim.

The object of our investigation is to reach the truth of the matter, whatever it may be. Please answer the questions as fully as possible and do not keep back any information, whether it appears to be for or against the claim. This is particularly important if the evidence is going to be of real value in establishing the status of the way.

Personal Details

Name Occupation

Address Date of Birth

..... Home Tel No.....

..... Work Tel No

Postcode Mobile Tel No.....

E-mail address

If you would like to add any further information to any of the following questions, please use the space provided on the back of this form.

Description of path used

1. On the map provided, please highlight the route(s) that you have used.
Please sign and date the map in the space provided.

2. The path runs from
 to.....

Your use of the path

3. Please complete the table to show how and when you used the path

How did you use the path? (please indicate yes or no)			When did you use the path?		
			Year		Frequency per year
			From	To	
On foot	Yes	No			
On horseback	Yes	No			
On a bicycle	Yes	No			
With a vehicle	Yes	No			

Has there been a break in your use?.....

4. If the path has a local name, what is it?

5. Have you always followed exactly the same route? **Yes / No**
If No, please show all variations on the map using a different colour or symbol
6. Why did you use the path?
7. When did you last use the path?
8. Have you seen other people using the same path? **Yes / No**
 If Yes, were they; **Locals Strangers Landowners Don't know**
(please circle all that apply) **On foot Horseback Bicycle Vehicle**

Character of the path

9. When using the path did you have to;
 Pass through gates **Yes / No** if Yes, were they ever locked? **Yes / No**
 Climb over stiles **Yes / No**
10. Have there ever been any notices or signs along the path? **Yes / No**
 If Yes, what did they say?
- When did you first see them?.....
- Are they still there? **Yes / No** If No, when did they disappear?
11. Has the path ever been obstructed? **Yes / No**
 If Yes, please describe the nature and location of the obstruction
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- Is the path still obstructed? **Yes / No**
- Please mark the position of any gates, stiles, notices or obstructions on the map**

**Ownership
and
permissions**

12. At any time when you have used the path, were you
- a. related to the owner or occupier? **Yes / No**
 - b. employed by the owner or occupier? **Yes / No**
 - c. a tenant of the owner or occupier? **Yes / No**

If Yes to a, b, or c, please give details, including the name and address of the owner or occupier.....

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13. Have you ever been told by an owner, occupier or employee that the path was not public? **Yes / No**

If Yes, please give details?

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14. Did you ever seek or get permission to use the path? **Yes / No**

If Yes, when and from whom?

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15. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the path? **Yes / No**

If Yes, when and by whom?

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16. Has your use of the path ever been in exercise of a private right, such as visiting someone who lived along the path, going to your own land along the path or delivering goods? **Yes / No**

If Yes, please give details

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**Additional
Information**

17. Do you possess any maps, deeds, photographs or other documents which show or refer to the path? **Yes / No**

If Yes, please give details

18. If you have any other information which you think will assist us in determining the claim, please give details

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19. If the claim is contested, are you prepared to give evidence at any local public inquiry that might result? **Yes / No**

If No, are you prepared to make a statutory declaration as to the truth of the above information? **Yes / No**

I confirm to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given on this form is correct and complete.

Signed (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Prof)

Date

If other than the path user, this form has been completed by;

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The investigation of a claim can take some time, and the Rights of Way Section has a considerable backlog of work. As a result, it may be some time before you hear more about the claim. A Map Review Officer may wish to interview you to obtain more information or to check details of your evidence.

When completed, the forms can be returned to the persons co-ordinating the claim. Alternatively, return to the Rights of Way Section, Countryside Service, Hampshire County Council, Mottisfont Court, High Street, Winchester, SO23 8ZF

Hampshire County Council fully complies with the Data Protection Act 1998. The information you enter on this form will be part of the permanent records we keep on Rights of Way in Hampshire. This does not affect your rights as a data subject.