



CRANHAM TRAILS



TRAIL ACCESS AGREEMENT IN BUCKHOLT WOOD FROM EASTER 2012

An agreement has been reached with Natural England and the landowner of BUCKHOLT WOOD that will enable riders to access a majority of the current cycle trail network within this area. Please note this DOES NOT INCLUDE neighbouring BUCKLE WOOD or CRANHAM WOOD where the landowner currently is insisting riders stay off their land.

The locations of the agreed trails that can be used by cycles are on the accompanying page, along with a map titled "permissive cycle routes" that will help you to visualise the agreed trail locations. Additionally Natural England will be identifying the routes within the wood itself with painted markings on selected trees.

Our code of conduct

We have agreed to promote some simple but important rules that riders should make themselves aware of:

- Please be considerate towards other trail users - slow down near walkers, dogs, horses etc, let them know you are there and pass them carefully. This includes trails considered as singletrack - cyclists do not have exclusive use of any trail
- Please do not build new trails, jumps or other constructions, dig berms, cut down trees or remove branches.
- If there is a problem with a trail please get in touch with Roger Smith corrective@blueyonder.co.uk so it can be resolved through Natural England and the forestry manager
- Cycling on the trails is with the landowner's permission, this does not imply any right of way
- Cycling is not allowed on the permissive horseways in Buckholt Wood - these are not bridleways with associated rights of way
- Trails in Buckle Wood and Cranham Wood are not covered by this agreement

Other aspects

- We intend to review this agreement after a period of time - at this point we can assess how it's working and whether any changes are needed.
- We will continue to use the lines of communication established between the cycling community, Natural England and the forestry manager to resolve problems or make changes. This might include:
 - Where seasonal or temporary variations need to be made, for example during forestry operations
 - Where the precise route of a trail needs to be modified
- We agreed it would be good to give something back to the woodlands we ride in - we intend to help Natural England with their volunteer working parties in Buckholt Wood through the winter months (say monthly or every two months, October to March)
- All CC-CC and Bigfoot members taking part in organised club rides will have third party insurance (provided by CTC or equivalent)

Cheltenham & County CC and Bigfoot MBC would like to thank all the many riders who have supported this negotiation process.

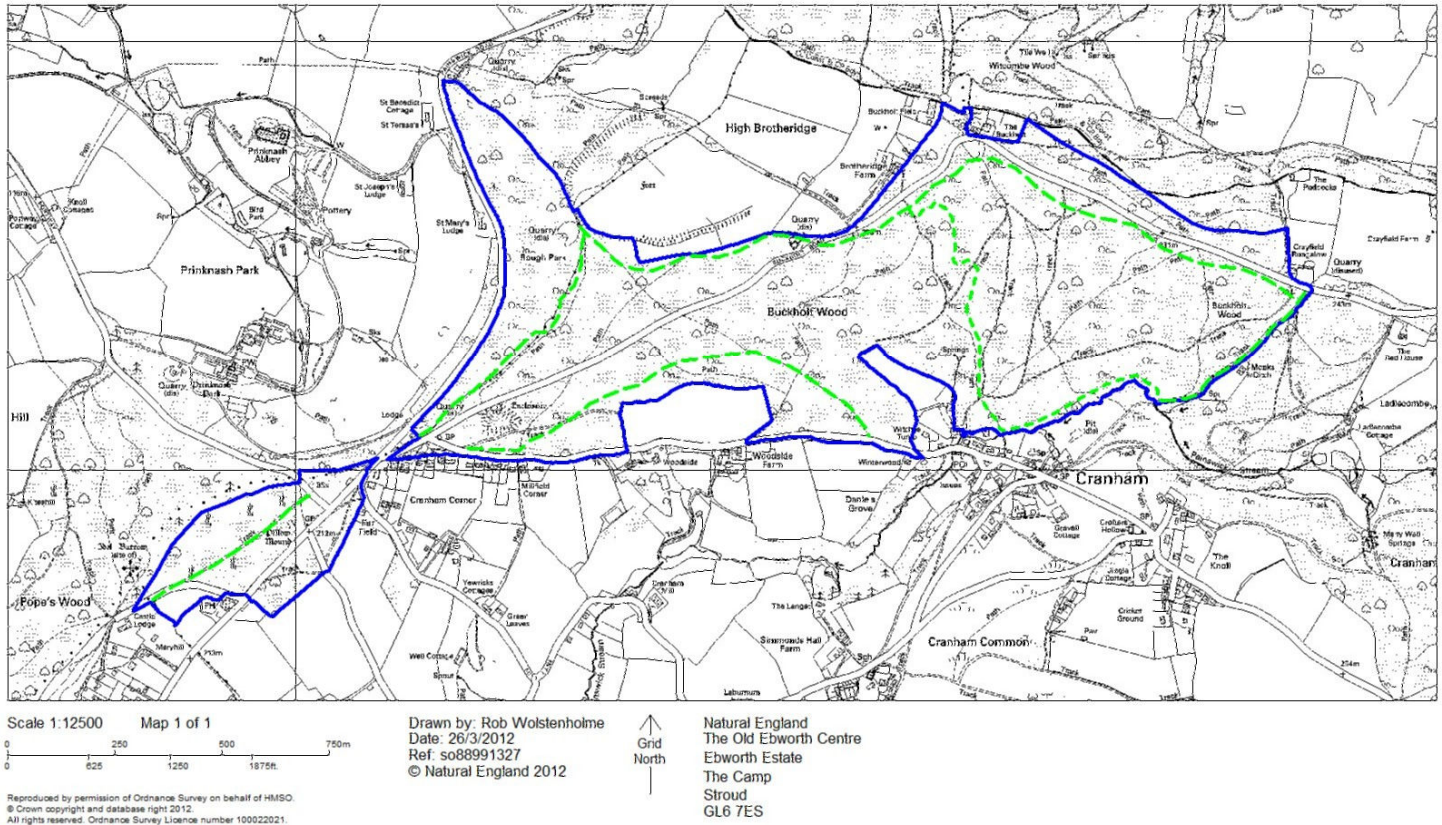
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BUCKHOLT WOOD CYCLE TRAIL LOCATIONS



Buckholt Wood and Rough Park
Cotswold Commons and Beechwoods National Nature Reserve

Permissive cycle routes



The approximate grid references for the start and end points of the singletrack trails are:

- East-West trail, SO 9032 1337 to SO 8921 1352
- Link from **old Sanatorium Road** to **start of Wall trail** SO 8920 1352 to SO 8869 1354
- **Wall trail** SO 8869 1354 to SO 8832 1308
- **Teachers trail** SO 8941 1360 to SO 8960 1327
- **Return route to East-West trail** SO 8960 1327 via SO 9002 1316 to SO 9036 1341

The access agreement also includes:

- An unnamed (shared use) trail which runs approximately from SO 893 130 via SO 890 132 to SO 884 130
- An unnamed (shared use) trail which runs approximately from the Portway at 880 129 to SO 877 127

We have asked Natural England to update this map and incorporate the common names for the tracks that are commonly referred to by riders. When completed, this will be communicated to the riding community.