

**Accessible Outdoor Recreation
18th November 2008
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Target Audience

The seminar is aimed at all government agency, local authority and NGO staff and volunteers involved in developing and promoting outdoor access for all, with particular reference to disabled people.

There are 50 places available on this seminar

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Delegate Fee: £150
A Countryside Recreation Network Event

For CMA members this event attracts 10 Continued Professional Development (CPD) points

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Background

Outdoor recreation organisations have been working for many years to improve access to their sites and pathways for disabled people. There is no doubt that guidance developed through initiatives such as the *Countryside for All Standards* and *Countryside Agency's By All Reasonable Means* have led to real improvements in access to the outdoors, particularly for people with disabilities, although perhaps less emphasis has been placed on information provision. In recent years a further impetus for improving access has come about following the implementation of the Disability Discrimination Act 2005, which imposed duties on organisations to promote equality for disabled people in terms of employment and service delivery. Now, three years on from the implementation of the Act, it is timely to take stock, look at what has been achieved and share good practice.

Aims of the event

The aims of this workshop are to:-

- Review how effective the Act has been in stimulating improved recreational access to the outdoors;
- Exchange good practice in improving access and information regarding outdoor recreation for disabled people;
- Identify priority issues and areas of work to be taken forward over the next few years.

It is hoped that the workshop will stimulate innovative ideas and ways of thinking to raise awareness of and participation in outdoor recreation activities by people with disabilities.

The workshop will address all forms of disability – including physical, sensory and mental impairment.

Workshop Structure

- 3 rotating workshop sessions, giving each delegate an opportunity to participate in two.
- Each workshop to be introduced by a short good practice presentation from facilitators.
- Each workshop to have a rapporteur (nominated beforehand) to report at the Feedback session in the afternoon

Chair to summarise any overall issues/conclusions arising from the day in terms of (1) examples of innovative good practice; (2) issues/challenges/opportunities to be taken forward by outdoor recreation providers over the coming years.

09.30 *Registration and refreshments*

10.00 **Welcome by Chair** – Robin Helby, Disabled Ramblers

10.10 **Outdoors for All: What are the priorities for creating inclusive outdoor environments?** - Dave Waterman, DEFRA

10.30 **Recent good practice in information provision** - Lars Stenberg, Sensory Trust

10.50 **Disabled Peoples Views and Perspectives** - Prof. Nick Watson, Strathclyde University

11.10 **Q&A**

11.30 *Refreshments*

11.45 **Workshop session 1**

Three groups:

- (1) Phil Chambers / James Clifton, British Waterways, Foxton Locks case study
- (2) Heather Smith, National Trust
- (3) Simon Melville, Natural England, NNR case studies: Accessibility information

13.00 *Lunch*

13.45 **Disability equality schemes** - Lesley Crozier, Forestry Commission

14.15 **Workshop session 2**

15.30 **Feedback from Workshops**

16.00 **Summary (Chair)**

16.10 *Close*