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Made by The National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty in pursuance of the powers vested in the Trust by the National Trust Acts 1907-1953 with respect to lands held for the benefit of the Nation.

1. In the construction of these Byelaws "The National Trust" means The National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty incorporated by The National Trust Act 1907;

"The Trust Lands" means the lands and property other than buildings for the time being held by The National Trust for the benefit of the Nation;

"The Trust buildings" means any building upon the Trust lands which is for the time being held by The National Trust for the benefit of the Nation;

"Unauthorised person" means any person except—

(a) a person for the time being duly authorised by The National Trust in writing for any purpose in connection with the management, maintenance or regulation of the Trust lands or buildings;

(b) a person acting in the legal exercise of some right in, over or affecting the Trust lands or buildings; or

(c) a person duly authorised by a person entitled so to act as aforesaid.

2. (a) No unauthorised person shall dig, cut or take turf, sods, gravel, sand, clay, or any other substance from the Trust lands or from any water on those lands.

(b) No unauthorised person shall dig up or remove, cut, fell, pluck, or wilfully or negligently injure any flowers, plants, fungi, ferns, heather, gorse, shrub, brushwood, timber or other tree growing on the Trust lands or in any water on those lands, or remove any seeds thereof or injure any grass.

(c) No unauthorised person shall knowingly bring and leave on or in, or knowingly permit to be brought on to and left on or in, the Trust lands or any water upon the Trust lands any plant or other form of living vegetation in such circumstances that the same would be likely to reproduce or propagate itself.

3. No person shall light any fire, or place or throw or let fall any lighted match, or any substance or thing in, among or near to the fern, heather, furze, bushes or trees on the Trust lands so as to cause or be likely to cause damage by fire to anything growing thereon.

4. No unauthorised person shall on the Trust lands fire or discharge any firearm or wantonly throw or discharge any missile to the danger or annoyance of any person or animal thereon.

5. (a) No unauthorised person shall deposit on the Trust lands, or in any pond or stream thereon, any wood, materials for the repair of roads, or any dung, rubbish or other offensive matter.

(b) No unauthorised person shall place or deposit and leave on the Trust lands or in any pond or stream thereon any organic matter (whether waste or dead animal) rubble, old metal, glass, china, earthenware, tin, carton, paper or other rubbish so as to create or tend to create litter.

6. No person shall injure, deface or remove any building, structure or other thing upon the Trust lands or injure, deface, or remove any seat, fence, notice-board, or other thing put up or maintained by The National Trust on the Trust lands.

7. No unauthorised person shall post, paint, display or distribute any bill, placard, advertisement or notice on the Trust lands.

8. No unauthorised person shall cause or suffer any dog or other animal belonging to him or in his charge for the time being to enter or remain on any Trust lands unless such dog or animal be under proper control and be effectually restrained from injuring, annoying or disturbing any person, bird or animal.

9. (a) No unauthorised person shall on the Trust lands knowingly take, molest or wilfully disturb, injure or destroy any living creature or the eggs of any living creature, or spread or use any net, or set or use any snare or other engine, instrument, lamp, lure or other means, for the taking, injury or destruction of any such living creature or its eggs whether in, on or above those lands or any water on those lands.

(b) No unauthorised person shall knowingly bring and leave on or in, or knowingly permit to be brought on to and left on or in the Trust lands or any water upon the Trust lands any bird, fish, insect, or other living creature in such circumstances that the same would be likely to reproduce or propagate itself.

10. No person shall bathe in any lake, pond or stream on the Trust lands or use the Trust lands for bathing in any lake, pond or stream adjacent thereto where such bathing is for the time being prohibited by authorised notices exhibited on the Trust lands.

11. No unauthorised person shall draw or propel across or over or place upon any part of the Trust lands or over in or through any water on the Trust lands (other than on tracks, parking places, waterways or mooring sites set out and authorised by The National Trust for public use or on public roads and waterways) any carriage, cart, caravan, machine, truck, motor car, bicycle, motor bicycle, sledge, boat, amphibious craft, tracked or other vehicle whatsoever, nor use any part of the Trust lands or water for the purpose of taking off or landing in a glider or aircraft (except in case of emergency).

12. (a) No unauthorised person shall ride upon horseback upon the turf or any track or way in any part of the Trust lands (other than public roads and bridle-paths and places set apart by The National Trust for the breaking in of horses) where a notice is for the time being exhibited prohibiting the same.

(b) When a track or way is set out and authorised by The National Trust for use for specific purposes or by specific kinds of vehicles stated in notices exhibited on the lands, no unauthorised person shall use any such track or way save for the purposes or with a vehicle so authorised.

13. No unauthorised person shall erect or permit to remain on the Trust lands any building, shed, tent, post, railing or other structure.

14. No unauthorised person shall take any water from any pond or stream on the Trust lands for the supply of traction engines, water carts or other similar purposes.

15. No unauthorised person shall place on the Trust lands any exhibition, swing, roundabout, organ or other like thing nor operate or cause or suffer to be operated any wireless loudspeaker, gramophone, amplifier, or similar instrument on the Trust lands so as to disturb any person using the Trust lands.

16. No unauthorised person shall on any part of the Trust lands sell, or offer or expose for sale, any commodity, or article, or for the purpose of trade or reward take any photograph.

17. Where any part of any of the Trust lands has by means of a notice exhibited on the Trust land been set apart by the Trust for the holding of public meetings—

(a) no person shall hold or take part in any public meeting on any other part of that Trust land;

(b) no person shall use or attempt to use any such part in such a manner as to interfere with or hinder any person already using it for the purpose for which it has been set apart.

18. No unauthorised person shall, except in any such space as may from time to time be set apart by the Trust for the purpose, break in any horse or, to the annoyance of any other person, train or race any dog.

19. No unauthorised person shall turn out or permit to remain on the Trust lands any cattle, sheep or other animal.

20. Any Officer of the National Trust may remove from the Trust lands—

(a) any vehicles driven or propelled upon the Trust lands in contravention of these Byelaws;

(b) any structure erected on the Trust lands in contravention of these Byelaws;

(c) any exhibition, swing, roundabout, organ or other like thing placed upon the Trust lands in contravention of these Byelaws;

(d) any cattle, sheep or other animal found by him on the Trust lands in contravention of these Byelaws;

(e) any cattle, sheep or other animal suffering from disease;

(f) after due warning, any person who within his view commits an offence against these byelaws.

21. No person shall on the Trust lands or in any Trust building use any indecent or obscene language to the annoyance of any person.

22. No unauthorised person shall without the permission of The National Trust—

(a) Enter or remain in any building for the time being held by The National Trust for the benefit of the nation wearing boots or shoes which may do damage to such building or any of the contents thereof

(b) Smoke or carry a lighted pipe, cigar or cigarette in any such building.

(c) Take any photograph in any such building.

(d) Touch any furniture or other contents of any such building or (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) sit upon any chair or other article of furniture in any such building.

23. Nothing in or done under any of the provisions of the foregoing Byelaws shall in any respect prejudice or injuriously affect the rights of any person acting legally by virtue of some estate, right or interest in, over or affecting the Trust lands or buildings.

24. No person shall on the Trust lands or in the Trust buildings wilfully obstruct, disturb, interrupt or annoy any other person in the proper use of the lands and buildings, or wilfully hinder obstruct or disturb or interrupt any officer of the National Trust in the exercise of his powers and duties under the National Trust Acts 1907-53 or these byelaws.

25. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing Byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding Five Pounds.

26. From and after the date on which these Byelaws come into operation, the Byelaws which were made by The National Trust on the 9th day of May 1938, and were confirmed by the Secretary of State on the 17th day of June 1938, shall be and are hereby repealed.

Made and ordered to be sealed the 15th day of July 1955.

THE COMMON SEAL of The National
Trust for Places of Historic Interest or
Natural Beauty was hereunto affixed in
the presence of (SEAL)

E. H. MARTIN

Member of Executive Committee

J. F. W. RATHBONE

Secretary.

I hereby confirm the foregoing Byelaws and fix the date on which they are to come into operation as 1st December, 1955.

(SEAL)

G. LLOYD-GEORGE

One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

WHITEHALL,
18th October, 1955.