Path Tagging Schema

Physical Property	Legal / Access									Additional Descriptive Tags					
Record as standard	Record as standard								Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional
highway			designation	foot	horse	bicycle	vehicle	motor_vehicle	prow_ref	surface	tracktype	name	wheelchair	bridge	ford
footway/ bridleway/ cycleway/ track/ path/ service/ steps/ no/ *etc.*	Public Right of Way	Footpath	public_footpath	designated	permissive /private /no	permissive /private /no	private /no	private /no	\<val\>	asphalt/ unpaved/ paved/ ground/ gravel/ grass/ sand/ wood/ -	grade1/ grade2/ grade3/ grade4/ grade5/ -	-	yes/ -	yes/ boardwalk -	yes/ stepping_ stones -
		Bridleway	public_bridleway	designated	designated	yes	private /no	private /no	\<val\>						
		Restricted Byway	restricted_byway	designated	designated	designated	yes	private /no	\<val\>						
		Byway	byway_open_to_ all_traffic	designated	designated	designated	yes	yes	\<val\>						
	Permissive Access	Permissive Footpath	permissive_ footpath, -	permissive	private /no	private /no	private /no	private /no	-						
		Permissive Bridleway	permissive_ bridleway, -	permissive	permissive	permissive	private /no	private /no	-						
		Permissive Cycle Path	permissive_ cycleway, -	permissive /no	private /no	permissive	private /no	private /no	-						
	Pay for entry routes		-	customers /no	customers /no	customers /no	private /no	private /no	-						
	Access rights unknown		-	unknown /-	unknown /-	unknown /-	unknown /-	unknown /-	-						

Guidelines

1. Digitise the route if it does not exist in OpenStreetMap. Amend existing routes where appropriate.
2. Tag or and update the physical property e.g. highway=track.
3. Identify legal/access rights:
   a. If path is a public right of way (PROW):
      i. Identify designation (public footpath, bridleway etc.), access rights (designated, yes) and any restrictions (=no) or permissive/private access (=permissive or =private). For example, a track could have a public footpath designation (designation=public footpath, foot=designated) and private vehicle access for NT vehicles only (motor_vehicle=private).
   b. If path has permissive access rights:
      i. Identify if path has a formal permissive designation (e.g. signposted or held by Natural England for HLS scheme). If yes, tag the designation (e.g. permissive_footpath).
      ii. Add if Trust permits access for transport mode (e.g. foot=permissive) and if any there are any restrictions (=no) or private access (=private).
   c. If path is behind pay for entry barrier:
      i. Leave designation blank. Add if Trust permits access for customers (=customers) or any restrictions (=no) or private access (=private).
   d. If path access is unknown or unclear (e.g. right of way is obstructed, used route is not on Trust managed land).
      i. No assumptions can be made regarding right of way, permissive or private access. Leave designation blank and tag access =unknown or leave blank.
4. Tag any optional additions which may help end users e.g. prow_ref if known, if surface is paved/unpaved. '-' denotes field can be left blank.

Access Tag Values

Access Tag Value	Description
yes	Describes the legal access for that mode of transport. Route is not necessarily intended for that mode of transport (e.g. vehicle=yes on byways open to all traffic).
no	Route is not accessible for that mode of transport (e.g. horse=no on a footpath)
designated	Route is specifically intended (legally) and maintained for use by a mode of transport (e.g. foot=designated on a public footpath).
permissive	Land owner has granted public access for that transport mode (e.g. foot=permissive). Land is not covered by rights of way legislation and access is at the discretion of the landowner. Often closed 1 day a year or has section 31 declaration applied to protect the path from becoming a legal ROW.
private	Route is accessible but cannot be used by the public (e.g. motor_vehicle=private for ranger vehicles on Trust managed land).
customers	Route is accessible for paying customers only (e.g. foot=customers on pay-for-entry estates).
unknown	Route access conditions are unknown or unclear. This makes it explicit that the legal/permissive/private access rights are not known.