**Footloose 303**

**Reporting footpath problems**

All county authorities and the National Parks have a contact for reporting footpath problems. It’s slightly different for each authority:

**Dorset** has a web form and an interactive map, which is fairly straightforward to use. You will need to zoom in to get the 1:25000 mapping. <https://mapping.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/rightsofway/reportproblem>

**Somerset** (excluding Exmoor) has a similar system:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem-with-a-public-right-of-way/>

On **Exmoor**, simply report the problem to [info@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk](info%40exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk). There is a map of rights of way and permissive paths, but it doesn’t link to a reporting system:

[https://prow.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/#map?layers=8,6,2&bg\_maps=&zoom=1&center=284598.5,138247.5](https://prow.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/%23map?layers=8,6,2&bg_maps=&zoom=1&center=284598.5,138247.5)

Zoom in and use the menu block (top left) to select rights of way, permissive paths, etc.

**Devon** has a similar system to Exmoor, allowing you to identify the path on a map <https://map.devon.gov.uk/dccviewer/MyLocalPaths/> and report it to prow@devon.gov.uk.

**Dartmoor** works in the same way: the map is here, <https://prow.dartmoor.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx>, and you will need to contact [recreation@dartmoor.gov.uk](recreation%40dartmoor.gov.uk). It looks as if the map should link directly to a report form, but it doesn’t work at the moment.

You are of course welcome to clear vegetation that is blocking a right of way or permissive path, but don’t carry items on a walk that could be construed as offensive weapons.

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