STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1971 No. 997

FORESTRY

The Forestry Commission Byelaws 1971

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - - 17*th June* 1971

Coming into Operation 1*st July* 1971

The Forestry Commissioners, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 46 of the Forestry Act 1967(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following byelaws a draft whereof has been laid before Parliament.

Citation and commencement

1. These byelaws may be cited as the Forestry Commission Byelaws 1971 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1971.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these byelaws "the lands of the Forestry Commissioners" means those lands which are under the management or control of the Forestry Commissioners and to which the public have, or may be permitted to have, access except the lands known as the New Forest in the County of Hampshire, the Forest of Dean in the County of Gloucester, the Bedgebury Pinetum, Bedgebury Pinetum Car Park and Forest Plots in the County of Kent and the Westonbirt Arboretum, Silk Wood, The Downs and Westonbirt Arboretum Car Park in the County of Gloucester.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply to the interpretation of these byelaws as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if these byelaws and the byelaws hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

Revocation of byelaws

3. The byelaws mentioned in the Schedule hereto are hereby revoked.

Exemption

4. Nothing in these byelaws shall make unlawful anything done by the written authority of the Forestry Commissioners.

(a) 1967 c. 10. (b) 1889 c. 63.

Prohibited acts

5. A person on the lands of the Forestry Commissioners shall not :—

(i) light any fire or stove or leave any lighted match, tobacco, cigar or cigarette ;

(ii) remove or damage any building, wall, gate, stile, fence, railing, post, chain, seat, drain, pipe-line, notice-board, receptacle for rubbish or anything belonging to the Forestry Commissioners ;

(iii) display any notice, placard or bill ;

(iv) dig up, remove, cut or injure any tree, shrub or plant, whether living or not, or dig up or remove any soil, leafmould, moss, peat, sand, gravel or mineral of any kind ;

(v) set up or place any caravan, tent, booth, stall or erection of any kind ;

(vi) permit any animal in his charge to be out of control ;

(vii) sell or distribute anything or offer or expose anything for sale ;

(viii) wilfully obstruct, disturb or annoy in any manner any person lawfully upon the lands of the Forestry Commissioners nor shall he operate a radio in such a manner as to cause annoyance to any such person ;

(ix) wilfully disturb, injure or destroy any bird, fish or animal ;

(x) carry or use any firearm, shotgun or other missile weapon, or throw or discharge any missile ;

(xi) dam, obstruct or restrain the flow of any drain or watercourse ;

(xii) ride or lead any horse ;

(xiii) place or leave (except in receptacles provided for the purpose by the Forestry Commissioners) litter, rubbish or refuse of any kind ;

(xiv) wilfully break any bottle or other glass object.

6. A person shall not bring or cause to be brought on the lands of the Forestry Commissioners any machine or vehicle other than a perambulator or wheelchair drawn or propelled by hand and used solely for the conveyance of a child or children or an invalid :

Provided that where the Forestry Commissioners set apart a space for the use of any class of vehicle this byelaw shall not be deemed to prohibit the bringing or driving in or to that space by a route marked or indicated by the Forestry Commissioners of any vehicle of the class for which it is set apart.

IN WITNESS whereof the Official Seal of the Forestry Commissioners is hereunto affixed on 17th June 1971.

J. J. V. Summers,
Secretary to the Forestry Commissioners.

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SCHEDULE

Byelaw 3

Byelaws revoked	*Reference*
The Argyll National Forest Park Byelaws	Dated 15th July 1936
The Glenmore National Forest Park Byelaws	Dated 11th August 1948
The Snowdonia National Forest Park Byelaws	Dated 4th January 1949
The Glentrool National Forest Park Byelaws	Dated 4th January 1949
The Queen Elizabeth Forest Park Byelaws	Dated 6th August 1954
The Border Forest Park Byelaws 1962	S.I. 1962/2321

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Byelaws.)

These byelaws relate to all the lands under the management of the Forestry Commissioners to which the public have access except the New Forest, the Forest of Dean, Bedgebury Pinetum and Westonbirt Arboretum. The byelaws are made to preserve the trees, to prevent injury or disfigurement of the land or its amenities and to regulate the reasonable use of the land by the public for the purposes of exercise and recreation.

Section 46(5) of the Forestry Act 1967 (as amended by the Criminal Justice Act 1967 (c.80)) provides that anyone guilty of an offence against the byelaws is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £20 and to a further fine not exceeding 50p for each day upon which the offence continues.