

Adopt a Path allows those most passionate about Scotland's mountains to become custodians of their favourite hill paths, conserving fragile upland landscapes by reporting on erosion damage or potential path issues and allowing maintenance tasks to be targeted to best effect. Adopt a Path volunteers will receive training and support to undertake their surveys in a safe manner which provides the type of information we require to ensure these iconic paths are maintained for generations to come.

We will make best efforts to ensure that:

- Volunteers know what is expected of them and be given clear information.
- We have procedures in place to ensure safe volunteering conditions.
- Volunteers are covered under our insurance. (This is applicable only whilst performing authorised duties and doesn't not cover personal belongings.)
- Volunteers receive suitable training and receive ongoing opportunities for learning and development.
- Volunteers have a clearly specified line of support.

## Adopted Paths

You will be able to select any number of paths from those available within the Adopt-a-Path scheme, on a first-come-first-served basis. Once allocated to you, you will be expected to provide feedback on the path condition at least once a year in an agreed format. Sometimes paths may be taken off the list for adoption, if this is the case we will get in touch with you. You may withdraw from the scheme at any time, but we would appreciate notification as soon as possible.

## Data and Photographs

All data provided must be entered into the Adopt a Path website. Thereafter this data becomes the property of the Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland. Photos are an invaluable tool for path reporting, and must be supplied in digital format. In order for the Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland to be able to make use of the photos you agree that, as part of the Adopt a Path scheme, any images can be freely copied and used for any purpose by the Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland without charge or need for personal identification or acknowledgement.

Please check / tick the box to show that you agree to any photos being used as outlined above.

## Your safety

We have a duty of care to ensure that you are working safely and minimise any foreseeable risks. We expect volunteers to use the safety procedures outlined in the Information Pack and attend an Adopt a Path training day. We expect Adopt a Path volunteers to be experienced hillwalkers and accustomed to self-reliance in mountain environments.

Please check / tick the box to confirm that you are happy that you have the appropriate skills, knowledge and experience to undertake this role safely (see volunteer role description).

## Access

Maintaining relations with land owners and land managers is essential to our work. We expect you to abide by any temporary restrictions caused by land management operations and follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

**Data Protection:** The information which you provide in this form and as part of the volunteer registration process (including a paper copy) will be used accordance with the GDPR Regulations May 2018 and any other applicable data protection laws and regulations. As part of the application process this form will be held during the period that you remain a volunteer. It will be used to record the activities, interest and experience of volunteers and ensure the health and safety of volunteers when taking part in our activities. If you take part any events / activities that are not run directly by us, then we will share the information provided on this volunteer registration form with the partner organisation to help them manage the event / activity. We will also use that information for statistical analysis and to inform you of matters relating to volunteering with Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland and other partner organisations within the project area.

If you agree to the above data protection statement, please tick this box

### Your agreement

I have read and agree with the terms of the Adopt a Path scheme as outlined in this agreement. Please check / tick the box.

Signed:	Date:
Name:	Email:
Address (inc Postcode)	Telephone number:

The point of contact for the Adopt a Path scheme is:

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