

Access land within the Howgill Fells allows you to explore, on foot, one of England's most spectacular and unique landscapes. Together with the Local Rights of Way network, there are many opportunities to enjoy this remarkable area.

The map on this board shows nearby access land.

The Howgill Fells

The Howgill Fells are characterised by their steep-sided rounded hills with numerous deep gills cutting into their flanks, creating a complex and pronounced pattern of ridges and valleys radiating from a central hub. Largely unfenced and reaching heights of over 600m, their distinctive form stands out noticeably from the surrounding land.

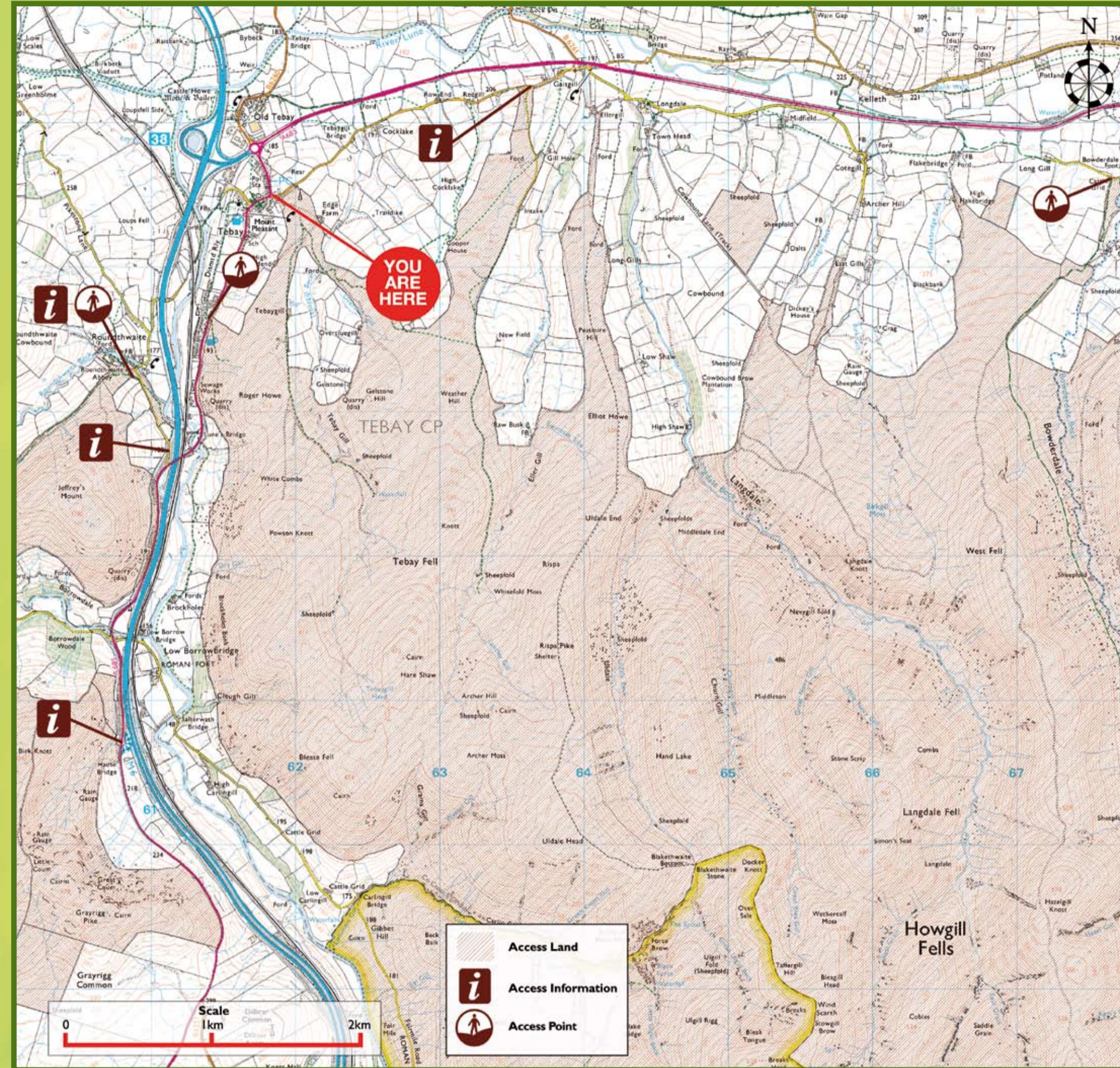


The gently sloping higher fells are predominantly exposed moorland, interspersed with sections of blanket bog on the flatter tops. Acid grassland and small patches of heather give way to bracken on the better drained lower slopes.

Semi-feral fell ponies can often be found grazing peacefully above the deep, uninhabited valleys, whilst small streams cascade down the narrow secluded rocky gills, occasionally forming dramatic waterfalls.



Above the lower cultivated margins, the exposed higher fells show little evidence of past human settlement, which greatly adds to the area's unique sense of remoteness, and tranquillity



When you see this symbol it shows that land may be open for public access on foot. Access rights for other activities may also exist



This symbol shows there are no public access rights beyond the point where it is displayed



The right of access on foot also applies to wheelchair users. Where reasonably possible gates have been provided to allow access although please note that open country is often very rough terrain

For further information contact Cumbria County Council on 01228 601052

The Countryside Code

Respect ... Protect ... Enjoy

- Be safe – plan ahead and follow any signs
- Keep dogs under close control
- Prevent uncontrolled moorland fires
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Consider other people



With rights... ...come responsibilities

You are welcome to explore access land in the Howgill Fells but remember that the area is privately owned, internationally important for wildlife and a home and place of work for many people. Please exercise your rights responsibly.

- Please use the Public Rights of Way Network or other signposted routes to get to access land – look out for the access symbol
- Be careful. Access land can be rough to walk over. Keep your eyes open for hidden holes and other hazards

Dogs in the countryside

On access land:

- Keep your dog on a fixed short lead between 1 March and 31 July. This is to protect ground nesting birds from disturbance
- Local restrictions may include a ban on dogs
- Note that dog restrictions do not apply to guide or hearing dogs

On Rights of Way:

- Dogs must be kept under close control, preferably on a fixed short lead

Plan ahead

Avoid disappointment by getting the latest information. Your rights to access open country can be restricted while work is carried out, and for safety or nature conservation reasons.

- Follow local signs and advice - any restrictions will be posted at access points
- Visit www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk or call the Open Access Helpline on 0845 100 3298 for up-to-date information on any restrictions
- Restrictions can be short or long term
- Public Rights of Way are not affected by restrictions to open access country
- Access land is shown on new series OS Explorer maps