

Access land on Wan Fell allows you to explore, on foot, one of England's rare and special landscapes. The map on this board shows nearby access land.

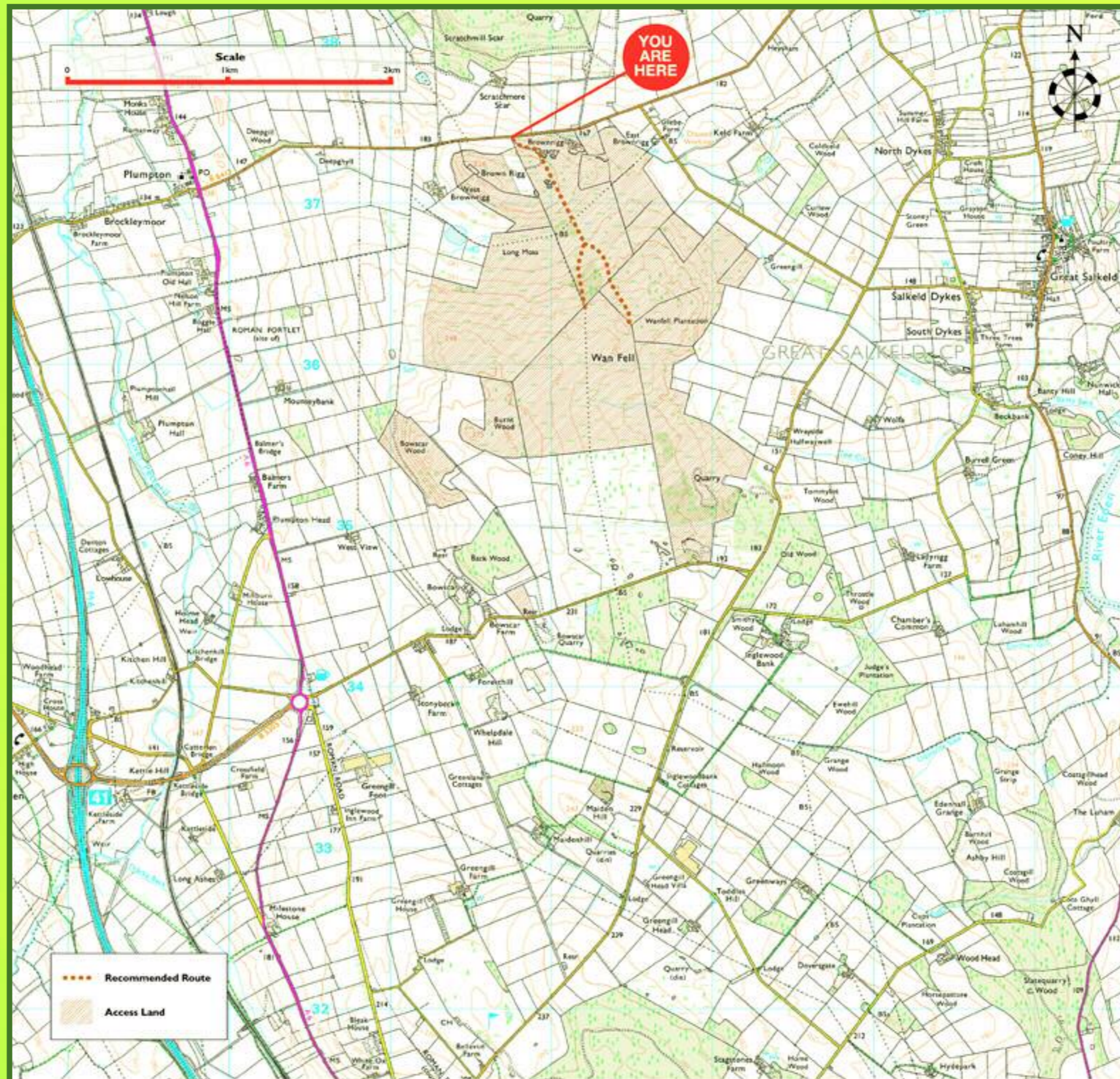
## Wan Fell



Heathland was the predominant vegetation across much of the sandstone country in this part of Cumbria, but most has now been converted to grassland or plantation woodland. Wan Fell is one of the few remaining expanses of lowland heath in Cumbria, and is an increasingly rare and important wildlife resource in the area.

Although much of the area is dry heather-dominated heathland, the site contains an excellent example of acidic valley bog adjoined by wet heath areas, and some scattered birch and Scots pine woodland. The bog is home to a variety of sedges, cottongrasses and spagnum mosses.

Wan Fell also supports a diverse butterfly population including species such as pearl-bordered fritillary, ringlet and common blue.



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

### Visitor's Code

Respect ... Protect ... Enjoy

- Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
- Keep dogs under close control
- Take care - do not start fire
- 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 on Wan Fell but remember that the area is privately owned and very important for wildlife. 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. Heather is rough to walk over. Bogs are wet areas and potentially hazardous.

## 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/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 walk across access land 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](http://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 access open country
- Access land is shown on new series OS Explorer maps

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