

Stock Bridges for Bog, Fen or Wetland Management

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Note: In September 2023, references to Scottish Natural Heritage have been updated to NatureScot.

Aim



The aim of this item is to maintain or improve the quality of bog, fen or wetland habitat by providing simple sleeper bridges to allow livestock to access grazing areas where ditches or wetland areas would otherwise restrict access.

Eligibility

Any land with a lowland bog, upland peatland, fen or wetland is eligible.

You must combine this item with one of the following management options, unless you have prior approval otherwise from NatureScot:

- [Lowland Bog Management](#)
- [Wetland Management](#)
- [Management of Buffer Areas for Fens and Bogs](#)
- [Moorland Management](#)

Application requirements

You must identify on a map the locations of all proposed new stock bridges.

Requirements

- the bridge must be single span
- the bridge must be at least 1.5 metres wide
- the bridge must be secured into the banking on both sides
- the bridge must be constructed so as not to impede water flow
- sleepers must be secured to any bearers
- you must maintain a diary

Payment

You can claim:

- £222.00 per small bridge up to 2.6 metres span
- £880.00 per large bridge greater than 2.6 metres span

Inspections

The inspectors will check:

- the location and extent of the work
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