

Picnic Table

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Aim

A well-placed table allows for rest and refreshment at a pleasant site.

The design should avoid spars, which can restrict accessible use and be a tripping hazard, and should provide space for easy use by a person in a wheelchair at the end or at the side of the table.

Selection of location should consider the views and setting, a level and firm site, and possibly issues over litter collection.

Eligibility

Any land is eligible. The table should be close to an existing, upgraded or new path.

Requirements

- may be constructed from treated timber, recycled plastic or steel, placed close to the path
- seats and table top should be planed and round-edged, and free draining, with galvanised screws or bolts countersunk
- main leg(s) should be sturdy, minimum 100x100 millimetre section if timber, firmly anchored below ground level in holes backfilled with well-rammed earth and stones, plus concrete if required
- height of the seat top should be 510 millimetres
- table-top height should be 810 millimetres
- must be set on a firm level surface and surrounding, with clear access from the path
- there must be no horizontal spars above ground between bench and table, as that restricts accessibility
- you must maintain a diary of photographic evidence of the construction phase, to include the works below ground level

For example, see [Countryside Access Design Guide sheet 7.5](#)

Payment

You can claim £700 per picnic table.

Inspections

The inspectors will check:

- the location and extent of the work
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