

# Boardwalk

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## Aim

Boardwalks allow public access to difficult areas such as marsh and wetland while protecting habitats, and can be used to extend access for wheelchairs, pushchairs etc.

## Eligibility

Any land is eligible and the boardwalk should be part of an existing path or be selected alongside the IPA “upgraded path” or “new path” capital item.

## Requirements

- May be constructed from treated timber or from recycled plastic.
- Edging rails should be installed on the deck, min 75mm square.
- Boardwalk will normally be 1.2m minimum deck width measured between edging rails.
- Wider sections of deck width 1.7m to be installed as passing places or at busier sections.
- Decking boards of min 50mm thickness to be laid at right angles to the direction of flow, with max 12mm gap between boards, and should include anti-slip measures to improve grip.
- Deck should be level or have gradient not greater than 1:12.
- Be linked smoothly with a ramp to the adjoining path at either end.

## Payment

You can claim £91 per square metre of clear deck.

## Inspections

The inspectors will check:

- The location and extent of the work as is detailed in the contract schedule of works and contract map.
- That the capital item requirements have been met as detailed above.

## Recent changes

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Eligibility	Updated /clarification for 2022 round.
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