

# King Charles III England Coast Path launched

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026, on a glorious day in East Sussex, His Majesty King Charles III officially launched the King Charles III England Coast Path.



His Majesty unveiled a plaque at Seaford Head and attended a reception at the Seven Sisters Country Park to celebrate the culmination of more than sixteen years of work from Natural England and over 50 coastal local authorities, landowners and others across the country, including Wildlife Trusts, the National Trust and access organisations such as the Ramblers Association, Disabled Ramblers and British Mountaineering Council.

Rhiannon Robinson, pictured below at the reception together with representatives of other access organisations, was delighted to have been invited and be introduced to the King as a director of Disabled Ramblers.



At 2,689 miles long, the King Charles III England Coast Path is the longest managed coastal walking route in the world. Along the way, it passes through some of the country's most beautiful and varied landscapes, from salt marshes and sandy beaches to cliffs, dunes and historic coastal towns. Among the highlights is the iconic chalk downland of the Seven Sisters in East Sussex where the launch took place, being approximately halfway along the coast path. Here there are two paths accessible to all-terrain mobility scooters. One route runs down beside the river Cuckmere towards the beach, and another is on Seaford Head affording fantastic views of the Seven Sisters and where the plaque was unveiled.

Work on the King Charles III England Coast Path began in 2010 with the first section opened at Weymouth so that people could watch the 2012 Olympic sailing events from the nearby cliffs and beaches.

Since then, works have taken place across the country from Cumbria and Cornwall to Northumberland and Norfolk with new stretches giving people access to the big skies and beaches of East Anglia, the rolling dunes of Formby beach, the ancient geology of the Jurassic Coast and the iconic white cliffs of Seven Sisters.

Once completed, 1,000 miles of new path will have been created and 1,700 miles improved, allowing people to walk the beautiful headlands, cliffs, beaches, and dunes that make up the English coast.

Rhiannon has been working with and advising Natural England, local authorities and landowners on improving accessibility along the coast path for those who use mobility scooters and others with limited mobility.

In many coastal areas barriers such as gates and chicanes are being removed or replaced with more accessible ones, and new infrastructure is being built such as bridges, boardwalks, and slopes adjacent to existing steps. In some places ramps are being built up river banks and sea walls to enable those with mobility scooters to reach the top and enjoy the views equally with walkers. By summer 2026 it is expected that 90% of the infrastructure works will have been completed.

To check which sections of the King Charles III England Coast Path are currently open, please visit the National Trails website: [King Charles III England Coast Path - National Trails](#)

Disabled Ramblers have published many coastal routes that are accessible to those with mobility scooters, though often an all-terrain mobility scooter is necessary. Please visit the Disabled Ramblers website: [Rambling Routes – Disabled Ramblers](#)