



Public Rights of Way

Public Rights of Way (PROW) provide important access to the countryside, support recreation, and help connect our community with neighbouring villages. Frating Parish Council works closely with **Essex County Council (ECC)**, landowners, and residents to help keep these routes open, safe, and enjoyable.

What Are Public Rights of Way?

Public Rights of Way include:

- **Footpaths** for walking
- **Bridleways** for walkers, cyclists, and horse riders
- **Byways** open to all traffic, though usually unsurfaced
- **Restricted Byways** for walkers, cyclists, horse riders, and horse-drawn vehicles

All PROW are recorded on the **Essex Definitive Map**, the legal record of public routes

View the Definitive Map

You can explore all Public Rights of Way in Frating using the Essex Highways online map: **Essex PROW Interactive Map**

<https://www.essexhighways.org/prow-interactive-map> ([essexhighways.org](https://www.essexhighways.org/prow-interactive-map) in Bing)

Search for “**Frating**” or zoom in on the parish to view footpaths, bridleways, and byways.

Frating’s Public Rights of Way Network

Frating has a rural network of footpaths and bridleways linking:

- Neighbouring parishes including Great Bentley, Elmstead Market, Thorrington and Alresford

A full PROW register is maintained by the Parish Council and can be provided on request.

Reporting Problems

If you encounter an issue on a Public Right of Way—such as:

- Overgrown vegetation
- Broken stiles or gates
- Damaged bridges or handrails
- Obstructions or fly-tipping
- Poor reinstatement after ploughing

Please report it to **Essex County Council**:

Report a Public Right of Way Problem

<https://www.essexhighways.org/tell-us>

You may also inform the **Parish Clerk**, especially if the issue affects safety or requires urgent attention.

Parish Council Responsibilities

While ECC is responsible for the legal maintenance of PROW, Frating Parish Council:

- Carries out **local inspections**
- Maintains a **working PROW register**
- Reports defects to ECC and landowners
- Monitors access issues and fly-tipping
- Supports residents in understanding and using the network

Countryside Code – Key Points

- Keep to marked paths
- Leave gates as you find them
- Keep dogs under close control
- Take litter home
- Respect wildlife and livestock
- Be considerate of other users

Get Involved

Residents are welcome to help monitor local paths or join occasional community walk-throughs. To express interest, please contact the Parish Clerk.