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LAWS PROTECTING UK FORESTS & WOODLANDS





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FORESTRY ACT (1967)

What is it?

Law governing tree management and felling.

- Requires licenses for tree removal
- Regulates sustainable forestry practices
- Ensures replanting after felling





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WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT (1981)

What is it?

Protects woodland
wildlife.

- Illegal to harm or disturb protected species (e.g., bats, badgers)
- Protects nesting birds from destruction
- Safeguards woodland habitats from disturbance





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THE ENVIRONMENT ACT (2021)

What is it?

Latest law enhancing
forest protection.

- Strengthens protections for ancient woodlands
- Introduces biodiversity targets
- Supports widespread tree planting initiatives





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NATIONAL PARKS & NATIONAL LANDSCAPES

What are they?

Special protection areas for nature and landscapes.

- Restrict development and harmful activities
- Promote biodiversity conservation
- Enhance forest habitat connectivity





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WHY DO THESE LAWS MATTER?

- Ensure long-term forest survival
- Combat climate change
- Preserve biodiversity and wildlife habitats





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TAKE ACTION!

- Plant trees, support rewilding
- Report damage or illegal activity
- Advocate for better enforcement and stronger laws

