

Forest Service



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Your reference: Castlewellan Forest park Blue Trail

Our reference: DAERA/26-732

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Dear [REDACTED],

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Regarding your request for information held by Forest Service in regard to the Blue Trail/Blue Lagoon mountain bike trail at Castlewellan Forest Park following storm Eowyn. I am writing to advise that Forest Service has completed its search and can confirm that, **in relation to this request under Regulation 12(4)(a) the Department is excepted from the duty to disclose the information on the grounds that the information sought is not held.**

Recreation provision within Castlewellan Forest Park is managed and delivered by Newry Mourne & Down District Council and I would advise contacting them regarding plans to repair or reopen the Blue Trail.

If you are deaf or have a hearing difficulty you can contact the Department via the Next Generation Text Relay Service by dialling 18001 + telephone number.

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If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department.

If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,

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