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Note

The data contained in this report was gathered from field evidence and Registry Map information and was current at that time. An in-depth survey of each access way is recommended prior to action.

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Introduction

In 2003 a report on Beach Access was prepared by the Chief Surveyor to record existing beach access points in West Bay and North Side only.

Between November 2017 and January 2018, the 2003 Report was updated and expanded to include the rest of Grand Cayman, Cayman Brac and Little Cayman, recording all existing beach accesses (registered public and private rights-of-way, and unregistered paths).

In November 2017 the report was revised to include comments on blocked access & missing signage, and improved location maps were adopted. The results are displayed as a comprehensive factual Report using sectional coastline maps, photographs, aerial images and text on a District basis. All comments are based the upon date of inspection, between October 2016 and December 2017.

Where accesses are described as partially blocked, this was at the date of inspection and may be due to vegetation, utility box, walls or other physical obstructions. The nature of an obstruction is stated in the Comments column of the summary spreadsheets.

Public rights of way are defined as registered and are recorded on the Registry Map and in this Report, as a line of red crosses (and in rare instances by red dots). These do not include public roads, which are part of the public road network. A survey of the status of public road beach accesses is outside the scope of this Report.

Private rights of way are defined as registered and are recorded on the Registry Map, and in this Report, as a line of red dots.

Unregistered paths are illustrated by green lines in this Report. These accesses are not recorded on the Registry Map.

Summary of Findings

Grand Cayman – 279 accesses

- Registered Public Rights of way to the sea 108
 - Clear, with sign 17
 - Partially or fully blocked and/ or missing sign 91
- Unregistered paths to the sea 112
 - Clear 94
 - Blocked / overgrown (identified in 2003 Beach Access Report) 18
- Registered Private Rights of way to the sea 59

Cayman Brac - 58 accesses

- Registered Public Rights of way to the sea 3
 - Clear, with sign 0
 - Partially or fully blocked and/ or missing sign 3
- Unregistered paths to the sea 25
- Registered Private Rights of way to the sea 30

Little Cayman - 48 accesses

- Registered Public Rights of way to the sea 10
 - Clear, with sign 0
 - Partially or fully blocked and/ or missing sign 10
- Unregistered paths to the sea 30
- Registered Private Rights of way to the sea 8

Technical Procedure

All registered public and private rights of way, as well as unregistered paths to the beach, were identified by a review of the Registry Map and the 2013 Aerial imagery.

Where pathways were found to be common between the hard-copy and the digital maps, the approximate coordinates were extracted and placed into a Trimble GNSS unit. The values were then used to navigate to the location of the beach access point. If there were any discrepancies, the location was scaled from the hard-copy and used to generate coordinate values. That provisional value was refined once the track was located in the field.

In most instances, a minimum of two images were taken at each location - a view from the road to the sea and a view from the beach back to the road. If there were any man-made or natural objects that would have obstructed the pathway, additional images were taken.

Once a path had been located, the surveyor returned to the office and compared the position on the digital model to what was measured in the field. This was to ensure that a pathway was not attributed to the wrong parcel of land. If the beach access line (green line) and the registered easement line (red dots or red crosses) were within 10' of each other, the two were considered to be the same.

Finally, when compiling the report, the surveyor checked the Lands Register to see if any public and private easements are registered against the Parcel. Those findings are noted in the description of each access.

PLEASE NOTE – Access routes depicted on maps are indicative location only, and may not represent the true ground position until detailed survey.