

## Public access

- Please launch and land at the recognised places shown on the map.
- Canoes, sailboards and dinghies may be launched with the landowner's permission at Derwent Water Marina, Nichol End Marine, campsites and the public landing stages at Lake Road. Launching of small craft may be possible at Kettlewell car park or the shore near Great Wood car park. Please do not leave parked trailers at Kettlewell.
- Overnight camping and open fires on lakeshores and islands damage this fragile environment, so are not permitted. Human waste makes this special area unpleasant and hazardous to health. Please use local campsites and toilets.
- Please take care not to disturb nesting birds on the islands.



## Help protect Derwentwater the last wild lake

- Derwentwater is an exceptionally important site for wildlife. It is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) because it is clean and healthy, supporting excellent plant and animal life, some of which is rare.
- Britain's rarest fish, the vendace, lives in Derwentwater. Wetlands surrounding the lake provide habitat for breeding birds including common sandpiper and snipe. Sheltered bays and islands offer wintering for wildfowl. Red squirrels may be seen in the woodlands, and you may even see an otter.
- In order to minimise disturbance to feeding and breeding birds, please avoid boating in Great Bay and between Strandshag Bay and the end of Lord's Island.
- Invasive water weed is threatening plant life on the lake. To avoid spreading it to other lakes please remove all weed from your boat and equipment before you leave the lakeside.
- Please help protect your natural heritage by following the guidelines.

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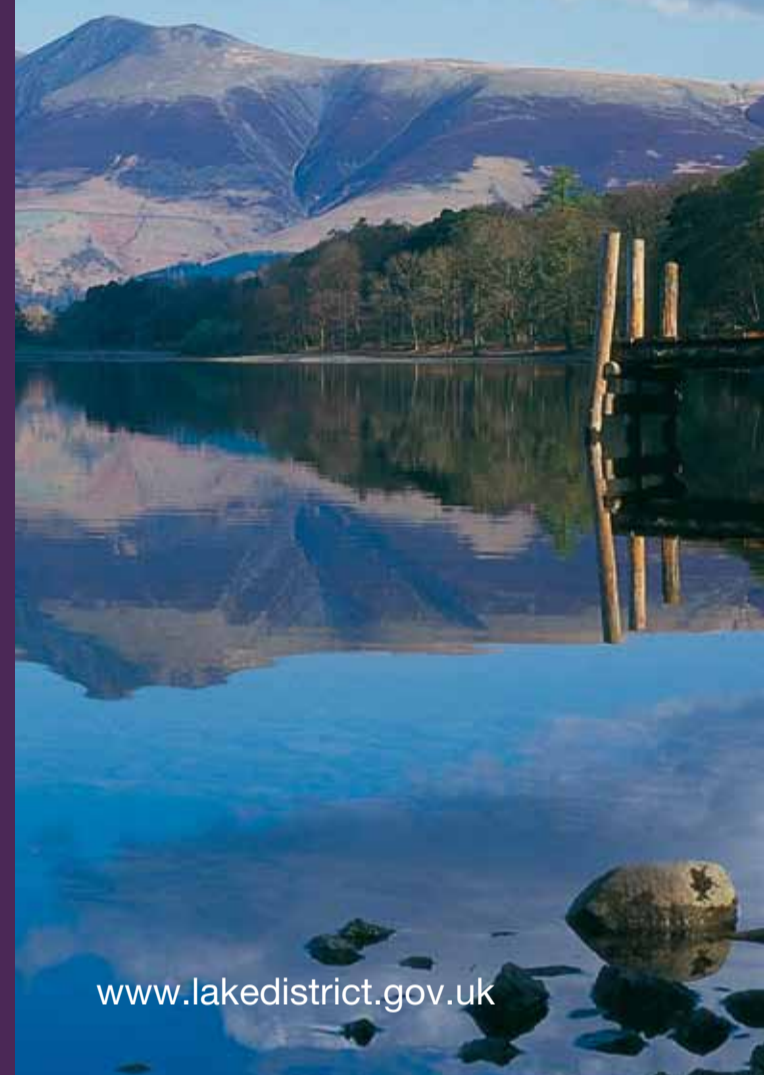


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# Derwentwater

## A lake users' guide



[www.lakedistrict.gov.uk](http://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk)

**This is an outdoor environment. You are expected to take responsibility for your own actions, safety and wellbeing.**

### If you are boating

Powered craft must not exceed the 10 mph speed limit.

- Power gives way to sail. Be aware that many users have little experience.
- Any sail boat while using its engine is classed as a power boat.
- Be aware of larger vessels that may occasionally have difficulties in manoeuvring.
- Always wear a CE approved life jacket or recognised buoyancy aid.
- Watch out for swimmers, divers, small boats and buoyed areas. Waterfowl are also difficult to see on the lake.
- Beware of shallow areas. Take care navigating.
- Be aware of sudden wind changes caused by local mountains.

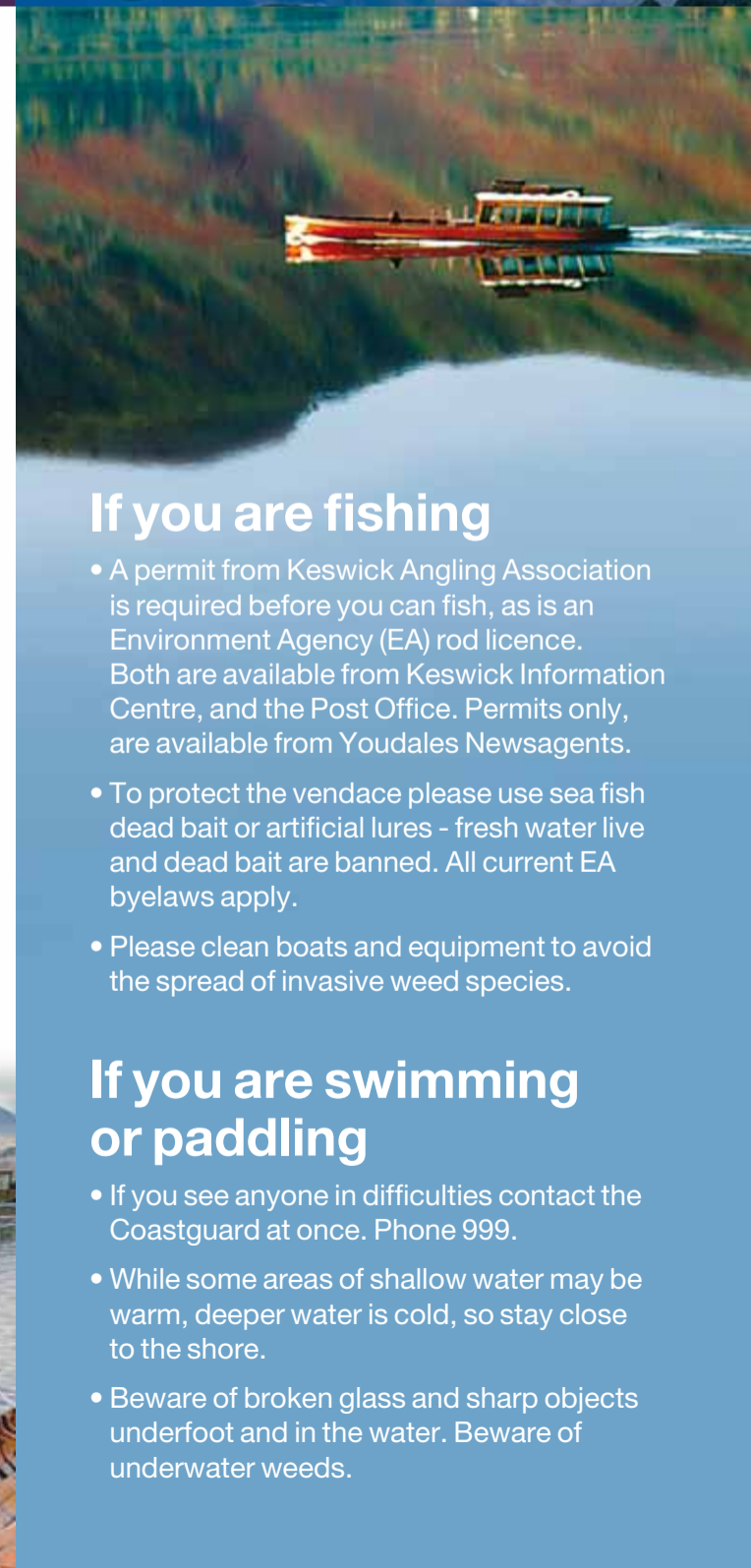


### If you are fishing

- A permit from Keswick Angling Association is required before you can fish, as is an Environment Agency (EA) rod licence. Both are available from Keswick Information Centre, and the Post Office. Permits only, are available from Youdales Newsagents.
- To protect the vendace please use sea fish dead bait or artificial lures - fresh water live and dead bait are banned. All current EA byelaws apply.
- Please clean boats and equipment to avoid the spread of invasive weed species.

### If you are swimming or paddling

- If you see anyone in difficulties contact the Coastguard at once. Phone 999.
- While some areas of shallow water may be warm, deeper water is cold, so stay close to the shore.
- Beware of broken glass and sharp objects underfoot and in the water. Beware of underwater weeds.



# Derwentwater

The lake is almost five kilometres long and 1.6 kilometres at its widest point. It is 22 metres at its deepest point.

## General lake information

Lake Patrol Team 017687 79633  
 Keswick Information Centre 017687 72645  
 LDNPA office, Kendal 01539 724555  
 Environment Agency 24 hour hotline 0800 807060

## Information centre

Moot Hall, Keswick 017687 72645

## Public transport

Traveline 0871 200 22 33  
 Information also available:  
 Keswick Information Centre 017687 72645  
 Keswick Launch 017687 72263

## Weather

Forecast available on Weatherline 0844 846 2444  
[www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/weatherline](http://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/weatherline)

## KEY

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| Private shore no landing                                   | Information centre        |
| National Trust accessible shore                            | Toilets                   |
| Other access land  | Launching available       |
| Keswick launch Timetables available at Information Centres | Campsite                  |
| Limited mobility access                                    | Caravan site              |
| Launch jetty   | Public telephone          |
| Speed limit 10 nautical mph                                | No boating zone Voluntary |
| Youth hostel   | Woodland                  |
| Wildfowl area Please avoid this area                       | Motor boat hire           |
| Car park   | Sailing boat hire         |
|  | Rowing boat hire          |
|  | Canoe hire                |
|  | Chandlery                 |

Lake rescue services are available by dialing **999** and informing the coastguard

No liability can be claimed as a result of collision with unmarked dangers not shown on this map.

It is the responsibility of every lake user to read and understand the Derwentwater Byelaws. Copies are available at Keswick Information Centre.

The depth varies considerably. Beware of submerged rocks.

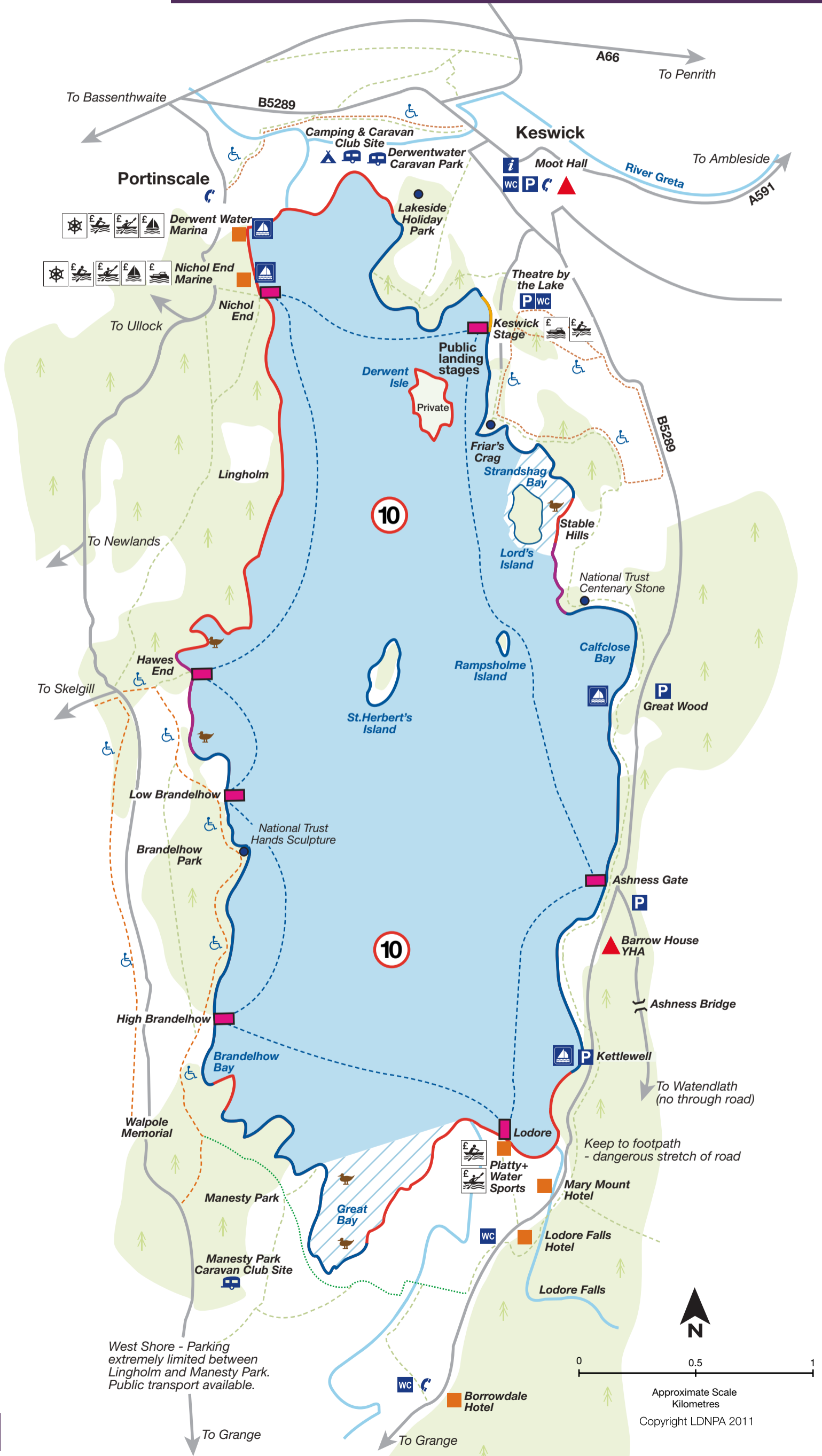
## POWERED CRAFT MUST NOT EXCEED 10 MPH

Do not launch or land in reed beds and wetlands.

Launching of larger craft is possible at Derwent Water Marina, Nichol End Marine, Allerdale Council campsite, Lakeside Holiday park and the public landing stages at Lake Road.

Our rangers and National Trust wardens operate regular patrols of the lake and shoreline.

PLEASE NOTE MAP NOT TO SCALE



Approximate Scale Kilometres  
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