

Bassenthwaite Lake National Nature Reserve

The lake is approximately five kilometres long and one kilometre at its widest point.
It is 19 metres at its deepest point.



LAKE INFORMATION

GENERAL LAKE INFORMATION

Local rangers 017687 79633
LDNPA office, Kendal 01539 724555

INFORMATION CENTRE

Moot Hall, Keswick 017687 72645

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Traveline 0871 200 22 33
Information also available from Tourist Information Centres

WEATHER

Forecast available on 0844 846 2444

RESCUE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE BY DIALLING 999 AND INFORMING THE COASTGUARD

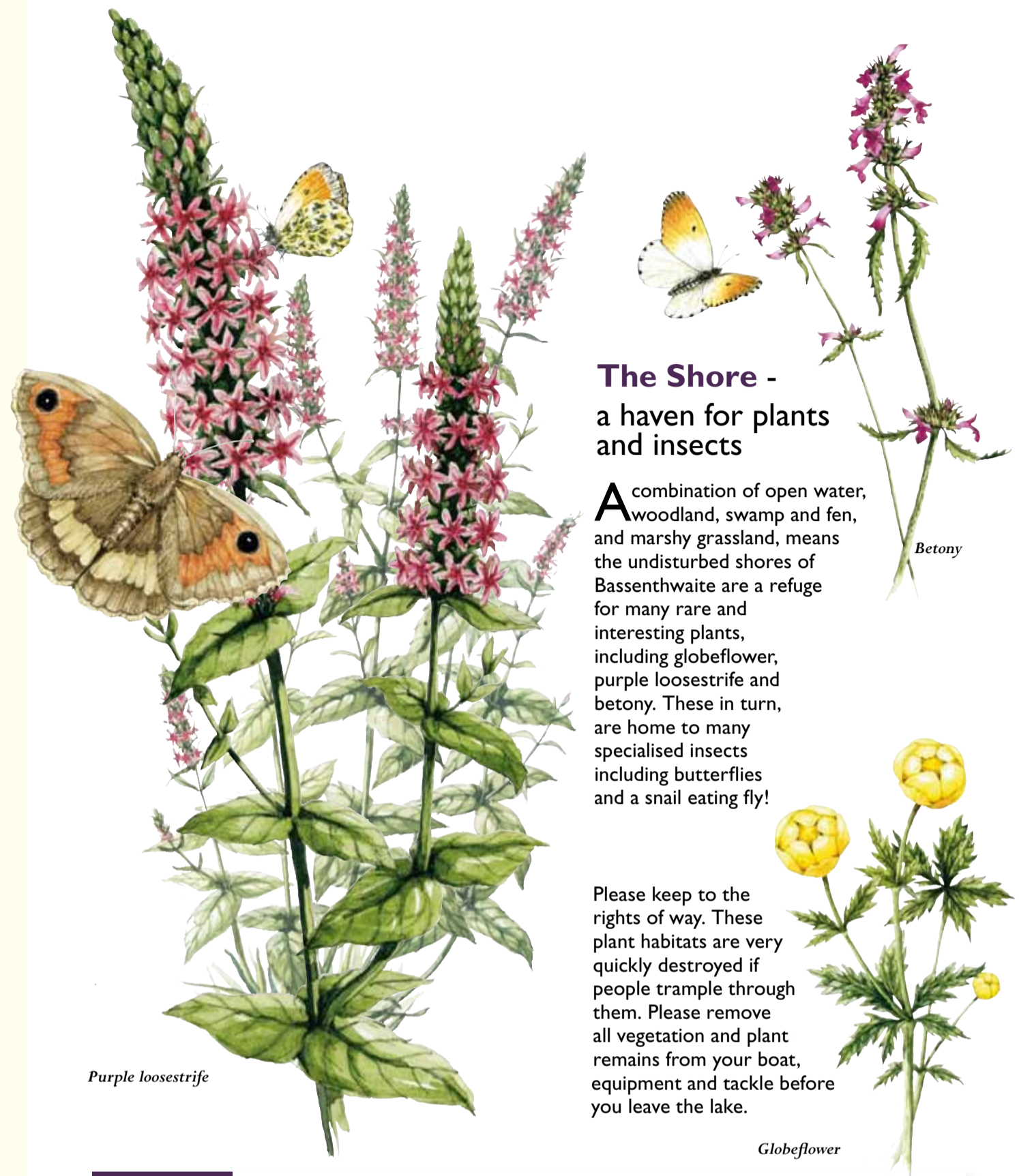
It is the responsibility of every lake user to read and understand the Bassenthwaite Lake Byelaws. They are displayed on the reverse of the National Park information panels around the lake.

KEY

- National Park Access Land
- Public footpath
- Roadside footpath
- Footpath to viewing points
- Private shoreline
- Toilet
- Car park
- Telephone
- Bird hide
- Forest and woodland
- Sailing in this area is reserved for Bassenthwaite Sailing Club
- No boating zone

Scale 1 kilometre

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The Shore - a haven for plants and insects

A combination of open water, woodland, swamp and fen, and marshy grassland, means the undisturbed shores of Bassenthwaite are a refuge for many rare and interesting plants, including globeflower, purple loosestrife and betony. These in turn, are home to many specialised insects including butterflies and a snail eating fly!

Please keep to the rights of way. These plant habitats are very quickly destroyed if people trample through them. Please remove all vegetation and plant remains from your boat, equipment and tackle before you leave the lake.

Purple loosestrife

Globeflower

How YOU can help

Some of this wildlife is unique to Bassenthwaite Lake National Nature Reserve, so we ask you to take special care when using the lake and its shore. Please use an Ordnance Survey map in conjunction with this leaflet.

Using the Lake

Boat, canoe or sailboard users

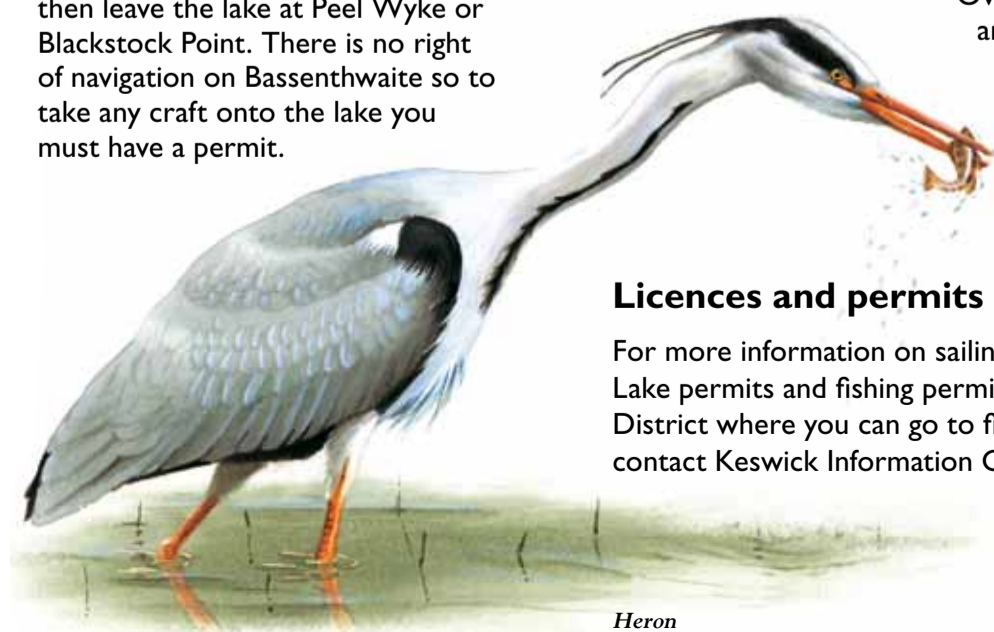
Please respect the no boating zones. These protect the most important sites for breeding and over-wintering birds. Canoeists, if you are coming in to the lake from the River Derwent, please pass through the no boating zone as quickly and quietly as possible, keeping along the east shore. You can then leave the lake at Peel Wyke or Blackstock Point. There is no right of navigation on Bassenthwaite so to take any craft onto the lake you must have a permit.

Anglers

- You need a valid lake permit and an Environment Agency (EA) rod licence – maximum two rods per permit.
- Season lake permits are available.
- Please use sea dead bait or artificial lures. All current EA byelaws apply. Freshwater live and dead bait are banned.
- To protect wildlife, please take unwanted tackle home and dispose of it safely.
- Use non toxic alternatives to illegal lead shot.
- Do not trample lakeshore vegetation.
- Overnight stays and camping are not allowed, they damage the sensitive lake shore habitats.
- Most of the lake shore is privately owned and you need the landowner's permission for access.

Licences and permits

For more information on sailing, rod licences, Bassenthwaite Lake permits and fishing permits, and on other places in the Lake District where you can go to fish, use a boat or watch wildlife, contact Keswick Information Centre on 017687 72645.



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Thank you for looking after your National Park