

## Getting to Windermere



### By road

**From the south** – leave the M6 at junction 36 and follow the A590, then A591 past Kendal to Windermere.

**From the north** – leave the M6 at junction 37 and follow the A684 to Kendal then follow the signs for the A591 and Windermere.

**By rail** - The Lake District has an excellent rail network and can be reached easily from most parts of the country.



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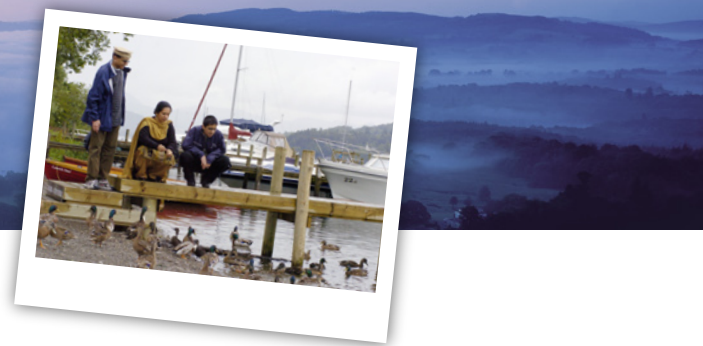
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## Safety and enjoyment for all

A 10 mph speed limit on Windermere means a safer, more enjoyable and bigger lake for people who want to sail, row, canoe, swim, fish and paddle. In time the lake will become less noisy.

A speed limit for the lake was decided through a democratic process, a public enquiry. Everyone had a chance to put forward their views.

It was decided the only way to address issues of people wanting to use the lake for very different things was a speed limit. It was also decided a management plan approach to the problem was not possible. There was a five year lead in period to allow everyone to adjust.



For lots more information about Windermere including places of interest, visit the website:  
[www.lake-district.gov.uk/windermere](http://www.lake-district.gov.uk/windermere)

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## On the lake

All lake users must read and understand the lake bylaws. All powered craft must keep to the 6 mph and 10 mph speed limit areas marked on the map and the lake. You can launch from recognised sites. If your vessel has an engine of 5 horse power or less you can also launch from the National Trust's Fell Foot Park.



## Useful Contacts

### Windermere

#### Registration Scheme

Lake District  
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- *Windermere Registration Scheme applications, record amendments and general information.*

### South Lakeland

#### District Council

**Lake Wardens Office,**  
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Bowness-on-Windermere  
LA23 3JH  
Tel: 015394 42753  
Email: [lake.wardens@southlakeland.gov.uk](mailto:lake.wardens@southlakeland.gov.uk)

- *Bylaw enforcement*
- *Permanent and holiday moorings*
- *Launching facilities*
- *Boat storage*
- *Car and trailer parking*
- *Windermere Registration Scheme*
- *Water safety*
- *Pump-out facilities*



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- *Bylaw enforcement*
- *Shoreline conservation – financial and practical support for landowners*
- *Rights of way around the lake*
- *Visitor events*
- *Collection and disposal of litter*
- *Water safety*
- *10 mph speed limit*
- *Planning permission*
- *Windermere publications and leaflets*

### Environment Agency

Ghyll Mount, Gilliam Way,  
Penrith 40 Business Park,  
Penrith CA11 9BP  
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- *Control of pollution*
- *Water quality*
- *Sealing of sea toilets*

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National Park Authority

your guide to  
**Windermere**



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# welcome to Windermere

Set in the heart of England's most beautiful corner, its very name sounds grand and mystical, conjuring up images of the deepest, bluest waters, holding secrets of a colourful and varied past.

## Places to visit and things to do

**The Lake District Visitor Centre at Brockhole**  
Enjoy the lakeside setting, children's adventure playground, fabulous terraced gardens sloping down to the shores of the lake, gift shop and café.



The lake has always been important for fishing. Traditional boats are still used to fish for charr, a local delicacy.



During the Second World War Windermere 'perchines' (canned perch) were produced as a substitute for sardines!



### Lakeside & Haverthwaite Railway, Haverthwaite

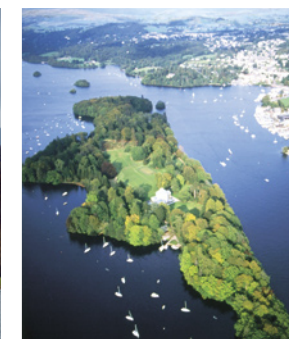
The Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railway operates a daily service between Haverthwaite and Lakeside at the southern tip of Windermere.

**Stott Park Bobbin Mill, Lakeside**  
A fully working Victorian mill, Stott Park is typical of the many mills which once supplied the spinning and weaving industry.

**Graythwaite Hall, Newby Bridge**  
Graythwaite Hall gardens were planted in the late 19th century. The Arts and Crafts style design is a delight in spring, when the rhododendrons, azaleas and flowering shrubs are in glorious bloom.

### Fell Foot Park, Lakeside

This Victorian park, restored to its former glory, offers substantial access to the lakeshore, where there are leisure facilities in season. Fine picnic areas and rowing boat hire make it an ideal day out for families.

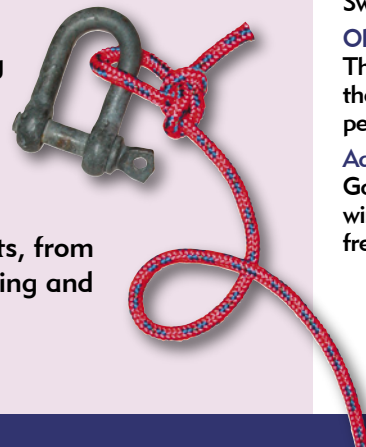


A place that has captured the hearts and imaginations of visitors

from all walks of life over the centuries; from famous artists and authors like Wordsworth, Beatrix Potter, Turner and Constable, to everyday folk seduced by its beauty and solitude. A place that provides protection and sanctuary to all kinds of wildlife.

On dry land or on water the opportunities for enjoyment in and around Windermere are endless, from outdoor activities and shopping to culture and family fun.

At 17 Kilometres long, Windermere is the longest lake in England and offers an impressive range of water-sports, from swimming and canoeing to sailing and rowing.



### Windermere Lake Cruises

Steamers and launches sail throughout the year between Ambleside, Bowness and Lakeside.

### The World of Beatrix Potter Attraction

An indoor re-creation of the Lakeland countryside, complete with sights, sounds and even smells. All of Beatrix Potter's tales are brought to life in three dimensions.

### Blackwell – The Arts & Crafts House

Overlooking Lake Windermere, Blackwell has fine examples of decorative arts, furniture and objects. Inspired by nature, with superb examples of stained glass, carved oak and iron work.

### Windermere Steamboat Museum

The finest steamboat collection in the world - with tea room, shop, Swallows and Amazons exhibition, picnic area and model boat pond.

### Old Laundry Theatre

The Old Laundry Theatre is the only professional in-the-round theatre in Cumbria with an exciting and stimulating programme of performing arts.

### Aquarium of the Lakes, Lakeside

Go on a journey of discovery! Set on the lake shore, this award winning attraction has the UK's largest collection of freshwater fish.



Find us on the web at

[www.lake-district.gov.uk/windermere](http://www.lake-district.gov.uk/windermere)

### Know your limits

Speed limits are maximum legal speeds. Please consider other lake users and reduce your speed and your wash near small craft.



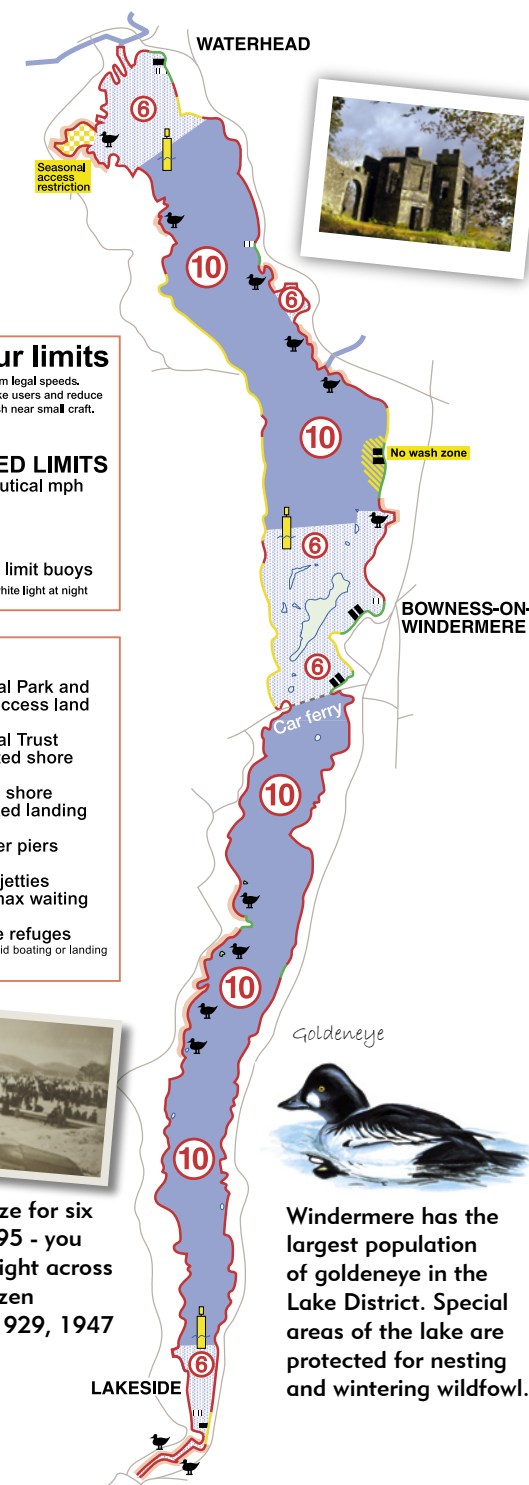
Speed limit buoys flashing white light at night

### KEY

- National Park and other access land
- National Trust protected shore
- Private shore restricted landing
- Steamer piers
- Public jetties 2 hrs max waiting
- Wildlife refuges please avoid boating or landing



The lake froze for six weeks in 1895 - you could walk right across it! Other frozen years were 1929, 1947 and 1963.



Windermere has the largest population of goldeneye in the Lake District. Special areas of the lake are protected for nesting and wintering wildfowl.