

Windermere

Key

- Private shore – no launching or landing
- Public access shore – no launching or landing of powered craft
- ⋯ Car ferry
- Bike boat (seasonal)
- Public footpaths
- Wheelchair and buggy friendly routes
- Cycles allowed
- Steamer and launch piers and jetties
- Public jetty 2hrs max. waiting
- Speed limit – 6 nautical mph
- Speed limit – 10 nautical mph
- Speed limit buoy – flashing white light at night
- Wildlife area – please stay away from the shoreline
- Youth hostel
- Car park
- Information centre
- Toilets
- Showers
- Restaurants / café
- Diesel – Windermere Marina Village by appointment
- Fuel – LPG
- Paddle and dinghy training area
- Campsite
- Caravan site
- Toilet pump out facility
- Motor boat hire
- Sailing boat hire
- Rowing boat hire
- Canoe and kayak hire
- Bike hire
- Slipway
- Chandlery
- Passenger boat
- Swimming in bathing waters

Ask for local guidance

- Fairway buoy
- Danger buoy
- Reef marker
- Organised racing buoy
- Holiday moorings (five short stay moorings at Waterhead)
- Alpha flag Shown on a boat or buoy when diving or swimming taking place

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

Lake Windermere Byelaws
It is the responsibility of every lake user to read and understand the Lake Windermere Byelaws. Copies are available at the information centres, the Lake Wardens Office at Ferry Nab and at lakedistrict.gov.uk

Power driven vessels must be registered before going on the lake.

The 6 nautical mph speed limit zones apply to ALL craft and the 10 nautical mph applies to powered craft.

Reporting byelaws offences
If you wish to report an offence against the lake byelaws call the Lake Ranger Team on 0844 225 2922 (calls cost 3p per minute plus your phone company's access charge) or email lakerangerteam@lakedistrict.gov.uk



Windermere Lake
17km long (10.6 miles)
1.6km at its widest (1 mile)
67m at its deepest (220 feet)


For more information on holiday moorings contact the Lake Wardens:
T: 015394 42753
E: lake.wardens@southlakeland.gov.uk

Walking This map is not to scale. If you are going for a walk take OS Explorer map 7. For great guided walks visit: lakedistrict.gov.uk/events

- ## Five fascinating facts
- 1 The lake last froze in 1963
 - 2 It's home to the Arctic char – a fish sensitive to climate change
 - 3 Windermere is one of Lakeland's most popular holiday spots
 - 4 The ancient ruins of Galava Roman fort can be found at Waterhead
 - 5 The lake is a 'mere', 10.6 miles long

The perfect place for a dip

We support the SWIM campaign



Swimming
Be Seen and have support – use a bright hat, float, flag and boat

Be Water wise – know the temperature, depth and quality

Be Informed – know the dangers, reduce the risk

Be Mindful – Where? When? quiet lakes are best!

Love your lake



Be kind to wildlife – clear up litter, fuel boots with care and report spills

Wetlands and reed bed areas are very fragile – please give them space and avoid creating wash


Check and avoid the wildlife areas on the map – they're vital for nesting and wintering birds

Keeping 50 metres away from the shoreline helps protect rare plants and wildlife

Phosphate-free detergents help keep you and the lake clean

"Lake Windermere is stunning... beautiful little town full of boutique shops, cafés and restaurants. A lovely day out, also home to Beatrix Potter land."
Trip Advisor review, November 2015

Have fun in and on the water



Top tips on safe lake use

- If you are in charge of a boat, make sure you keep inside the speed limits of different lake areas
- If your boat has an engine it's classed as powered – and power gives way to sail
- All vessels give way to commercial pleasure craft
- Powered craft must be registered for use on Windermere. Call 01539 724 555 or go to lakedistrict.gov.uk/windermere
- Kill cords save lives – clip it to kill it
- Make sure your life jacket or buoyancy aid is CE approved
- Wear your life jacket when you're near or on the water
- Fit a carbon monoxide and smoke detector to your boat – it could save a life
- Wind direction can change suddenly – be prepared

Find out more about open water swimming at swimsafelakes.co.uk

Top tips on safe lake use

- Look out for large boats turning – they need plenty of room!
- Always pass two ferry lengths to the rear of the car ferry
- Watch out for blue and white flags – swimmers and divers are in the water and can be hard to spot
- Small boats, buoys and water birds may be there too
- Canoe with someone or hire a guide and stay close to shore. Check out gocanoeing.org.uk

Fishing

Environment Agency (EA) rod licences are available from:

- Information centres
- Most post offices
- Call 03708 506 506

environment-agency.gov.uk

Know what bait to use? Check current EA Bylaws.

Seek permission for access to private shorelines.

Greener boating

- Check, clean and dry watersports equipment and clothing to help prevent the spread of invasive species
- Have you checked for spills and leaks?
- Keep your loo lake-friendly and use the pump out facilities (see overleaf)
- Pollution hotline 0800 807060.

Marine watch

Help protect your boat:
cumbria.police.uk

Contact SLDC Lake Wardens on 015394 42753 to find out about engine covers.

Launching

Check before you go as much of the shore is owned by the National Trust. They don't permit camping or the launching and landing of powered craft over five horse power, except at the Fell Foot jetties and Whay Castle.

Windermere

Keep safe, have fun, discover one of England's most stunning lakes



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lakedistrict.gov.uk

Lake information

In emergencies call 999

Lake District National Park Lake Rangers
0844 225 2922 (calls cost 3p per minute plus your phone company's access charge)
lakedistrict.gov.uk

- Provide help, advice and info on lake use
- Promote and enforce the byelaws
- Maintain speed limit signs.

South Lakeland District Council (SLDC) Lake Wardens
015394 42753 southlakeland.gov.uk

- Provide help, advice and info on lake use
- Provide the slipway at Ferry Nab
- Provide and look after public jetties
- Provide boat storage and marina berths
- Provide sewage pump out and fresh water
- Maintain marker buoys
- Different options for floating moorings.

Boat registration and renewals

- LDNP Head Office 01539 724 555
- lakedistrict.gov.uk/windermere
- SLDC Lake Wardens Office, Ferry Nab 015394 42753

Information centres

- Bowness Bay, 0845 901 0845 (calls cost 2p per minute plus your phone company's access charge) gomorebowness
- Windermere 015394 46499

Windermere Lake User Forum
windermerelakeuserforum.org.uk

Public transport

- Traveline 0871 200 22 33 (calls cost 12p per minute plus your phone company's access charge)
- Windermere Lake Cruises 015394 43360

Weatherline
lakedistrictweatherline.co.uk [@lakesweather](https://www.facebook.com/lakesweather)
0844 846 2444 (calls cost 7p per minute plus your phone company's access charge)

Lake District is a fantastic corner of England...If you like the nature, the great shot, this is the perfect location, with friends, with the family, for everybody.

Trip Advisor review, August 2015



What's on guides

- lakedistrict.gov.uk/events
- exploresouthlakeland.co.uk/events

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lakedistrict.gov.uk

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YOUR lake escape starts here!

Whet your appetite...

- Paddle in peace in a kayak or canoe or bring your own boat
- Sit, relax and soak up the views – lots of spots to choose
- Gorgeous, tranquil lakeshore walks will take you to secret places
- Catch the wind in your sails or cruise across the water
- Take a dip in cool, clear waters on a hot summer's day
- Lakeshore activities, café, events – all at Brockhole on Windermere
- Cycle through woodlands and visit magical Wray Castle
- Camp under the stars or sleep in comfort
- Play, explore and relax at family-friendly Fell Foot lakeshore park
- Unwind and watch the world go by...