

# Access to Lakes

	Swimming Diving	Canoeing Kayaking Rowing	Sailing	Powered Craft	Contact for access	Notes
<b>Bassenthwaite Lake</b>	Yes (no diving)	Yes with Permit	Yes with Permit	Only electric motors with permit	LDNPA	Permits available Keswick Tourist Information Centre 017687 72645
<b>Coniston Water</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Speed limit	LDNPA	Access, map & advice on LDNPA website and Coniston Boating Centre
<b>Crummock Water / Buttermere</b>	Yes	Yes with permit	No	No	National Trust	Permit Buttermere - Dalegarth Guest house tel 01768 770233
<b>Derwent Water</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Speed limit	National Trust	Access, map & advice on LDNPA website. No access to islands
<b>Ennerdale Water</b>	No	Yes with Permit	No	No	United Utilities	Permit available from United Utilities
<b>Grasmere</b>	Yes	Yes	No	No	National Trust	No access to island
<b>Haweswater Reservoir</b>	No	No	No	No	United Utilities	
<b>Loweswater</b>	Yes	No	No	No	National Trust	
<b>Rydal Water</b>	Yes	No Public Access	No	No	National Trust / Rydal Estate	Access for swimming only via South Shore - please avoid anyone fishing
<b>Thirlmere Reservoir</b>	No	Yes	Yes	No	United Utilities	Access for boats at Armboth
<b>Ullswater</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Speed limit	LDNPA	Access, map & advice on LDNPA website
<b>Wast Water</b>	Yes	Yes	No	No	National Trust	Limit of 10 boats on water at any one time.
<b>Windermere</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes speed limit & permit	LDNPA	Access, map & advice on LDNPA website. No access to Belle Isle



## Local Access Forum

### LAKE DISTRICT

**LDNPA** is the Lake District National Park Authority.  
tel - 01539 724555  
[www.lakedistrict.gov.uk](http://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk)

**National Trust** head office for the North West is the Hollens near Grasmere tel - 015394 35599

**United Utilities** manage the reservoirs and much of the land that provide the catchment.  
tel - 01768 772 334

**Rydal Estates** The land agent for Rydal Estates is Carter Jonas  
tel - 01539 722592

**Environment Agency**  
tel - 0370 8506506

Information correct as of January 2013

Note. where canoeing is permitted canoe sailing is also allowed.



# Local Access Forum to Lakes

LAKE DISTRICT

This document is brought to you by the Lake District Local Access Forum.

The Forum acts as a statutory independent body that champions the improvement and management of public access.



It gathers the views of all those with an interest in the development and use of access and advises the National Park Authority, recommending options for the improvement of public access to land in the National Park.

You can find out more details on the work of the forum here

[www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/caringfor/local\\_access\\_forum](http://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/caringfor/local_access_forum)

*This leaflet does not address access to rivers, smaller lakes and tarns*

## Fishing

When putting this document together we found that the [lakedistrictfishing.net](http://lakedistrictfishing.net) website had far more comprehensive advice including access to rivers as well as details on where to get permits.

Please make sure you have a rod license which are available from information centres and the Environment Agency

[www.lakedistrictfishing.net](http://www.lakedistrictfishing.net)  
[www.environment-agency.gov.uk/](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/)

## Events / Commercial use

Although we have listed where there is public access to water, this access does not automatically translate as permission for events or commercial use.

As a general guide if there are more than 50 people in your group you should seek advice from the land owner. Likewise if you intend to bring any infrastructure (e.g. a gazebo)



## Weather

The weather can be extreme in the Lake District and can change VERY quickly. Wind can make paddling boats challenging and often the water temperatures are extremely cold.

Use the water within your ability, don't be afraid to ask advice from local providers. The only stupid question is the one you didn't ask.



## Shoreline Access

Please don't assume access on the lake for your activity equals access to the shoreline. Many lake shorelines are private land and can be sensitive habitats.

The National Park provides maps online for Bassenthwaite, Ullswater, Coniston, Derwent and Windermere. This provides detail on access points and where there is private shoreline.

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



## Invasive non-native species

Protecting the freshwaters in the Lake District from invasive non-native species is something that we must all address and take responsibility for.

Across the world similar environments are suffering from invasive non-native species taking over the local habitats. To avoid this, please play your part by ditching these hitch-hiking species before you arrive.

**Check** your equipment and clothing for living organisms. Pay particular attention to areas that are damp or hard to inspect.

**Clean** and wash all equipment, footwear and clothes thoroughly. If you do come across any organisms, leave them at the water body where you found them.

**Dry** all equipment and clothing – some species can live for many days in damp conditions.

[www.scrf.co.uk/cfinns](http://www.scrf.co.uk/cfinns)