

# WINDERMERE

The lake is approximately 17 km long and 2 km at its widest point. It is 64 m at its deepest point.

### KEY

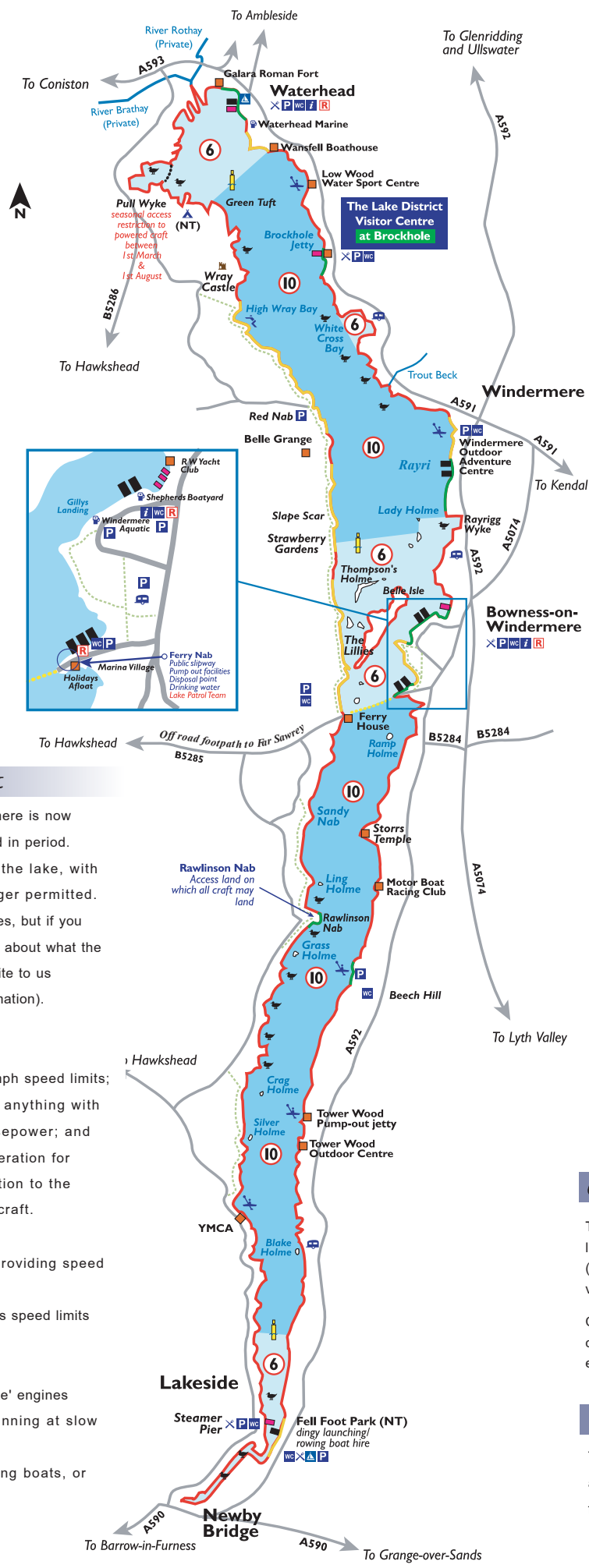
National Park & other Access land	Public rights of way & public footpaths
National Trust protected shore*	No wash zone
Private shore (restricted landing)	Camp site
Car ferry	Caravan site
Car park	Steamer piers & jetties
Information centre	Public jetty (2hrs max waiting)
Toilets	Wildfowl area*
Fuel	* Please avoid this area
National Trust	Water sport training area
Limited public launching	Swimming area
Restaurant / Cafe	Boat registration point
Speed limit (6 nautical mph)	Speed limit (10 nautical mph)

\* No access for speed boats or personal water craft  
\* Boaters please avoid these areas

### SAFETY

- Fairway buoy
- Organised racing buoy
- Danger buoy
- Reef marker
- Speed limit buoy (Flashing white light at night)
- Diving Flag (Shown on a boat or buoy means diving in progress)

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



## Divers

Here is some advice to keep you safe:

- Do not dive near jetties or moorings;
- Log your dive details with the Lake Wardens;
- Always display a 'diving in progress' flag (blue and white) and a surface marker buoy; and
- Operate a safety boat.

## Powered vessels

Here is some advice if you have a powered vessel:

- Stick to the 6 mph and 10 mph speed limit which applies to all powered vessels on Windermere;
- All power driven vessels must be registered for use on Windermere. Register at Ferry Nab, or the LDNPA headquarters at Kendal. Craft under 10 horsepower can register at Bowness Bay TIC;
- Power driven vessels must correctly display registration numbers and an annual mark;
- It is the driver's responsibility to be aware of the boat's speed;
- Keep a lookout for swimmers, divers, small boats, buoyed areas and aquatic birds;
- Power driven vessel's kill cord switch should be attached to the driver at all times;
- Be aware of your wash as it can be a danger and an annoyance to others;
- Ventilate your engine compartment and cabin regularly to expel explosive gases. Carry an appropriate fire extinguisher;
- Stop your engine when getting someone from the water. A turning propeller can inflict serious injury;
- A sailing vessel is classed as a powered vessel while using its engine;
- Powered vessels should give way to un-powered boats;
- For the safety of you, your skier and other lake users when towing anything or anyone drive safely; and
- Inflatable devices may not be towed.

## 10 mph Speed Limit

The 10 mph speed limit on Windermere is now being enforced after a five year lead in period. The change brings a new era for the lake, with high speed power boating no longer permitted. Here is a simple list outlining the rules, but if you have any queries, or are still unclear about what the speed limit means, please ring or write to us at our headquarters (see Lake Information).

What you must do:

- register all powered vessels;
- keep to all 6 and 10 (nautical) mph speed limits;
- be over the age of 16 to drive anything with an engine of more than 4 horsepower; and
- drive with due care and consideration for others, paying particular attention to the effects of your wash on other craft.

What you may do:

- carry out towed water sports, providing speed limits are not exceeded; and
- use any type of vessel, as long as speed limits are followed.

What you must not do:

- exceed the speed limit to 'de-coke' engines which do not cope well with running at slow speeds; and
- exceed the speed limits if testing boats, or operating with trade plates.

## Crime Prevention

Thefts from vehicles and boats do occur around the lake so make sure you secure your car, boat (particularly outboard engines) and all other valuables and equipment. Cumbria Police operate a Lake Watch scheme in conjunction with us to protect your boat, engine and equipment.

## Zoning

The lake and it's shore are zoned into different use areas. The speed limit is one way this is done. Areas for canoeists or bird watchers is another.