

NATIONAL PARK · UNITED KINGDOM · ENGLAND

Lake District

at a glance

England's largest national park: 16 lakes, more than 350 fells and a farmed landscape that has been a World Heritage Site since 2017.

978_mSCAFELL PIKE
(3,209 ft)**74_m**WAST WATER
(243 ft) deep**899_m**GREAT GABLE
(2,949 ft)

BEFORE YOU GO

**2,362 km²**

That is the park's size according to the National Park Authority: 58 km (36 mi) wide and 64 km (40 mi) long.

**16 lakes, more than 350 fells**

Plus countless tarns, small mountain lakes, and 42 km (26 mi) of coast and estuaries in the west.

**Train to Windermere**

Change at Oxenholme on the West Coast Main Line; the branch line to Windermere takes about half an hour according to the National Park ...

**Driest from March to June**

The summer season runs from March to October according to the National Park Authority; the driest period is March to June.

**Rights of way and access land**

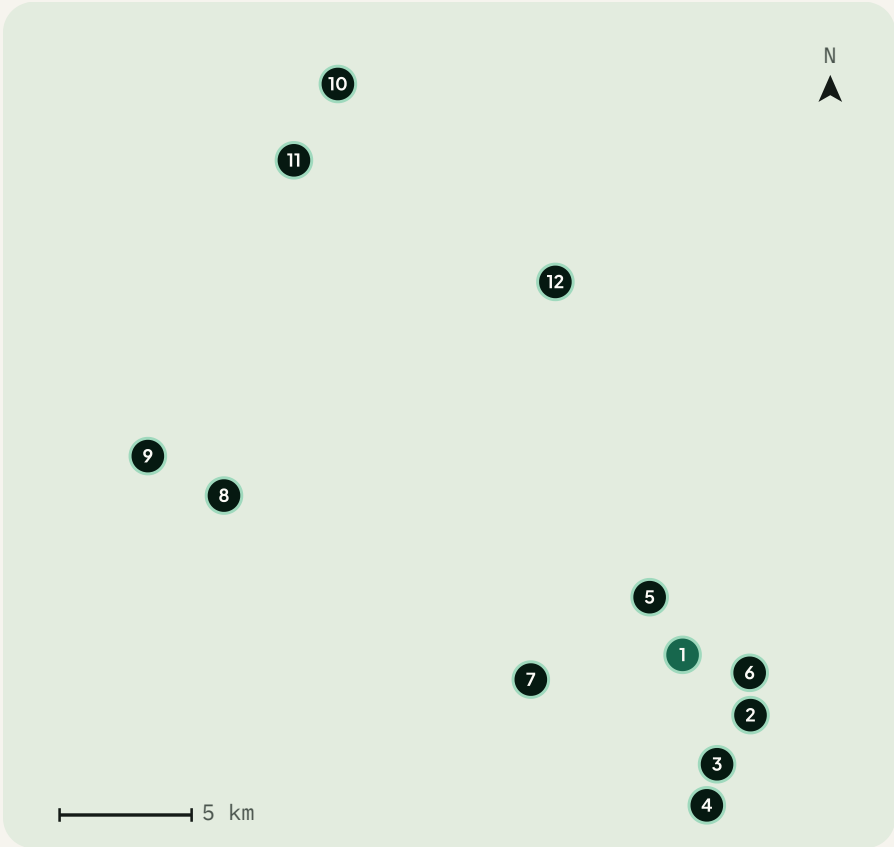
Yellow arrows mark footpaths, blue arrows bridleways that cyclists may use too.

**No barbecues, no fires**

Barbecues and open fires are not permitted anywhere in the Lake District according to the National Park Authority; most major landowners ...

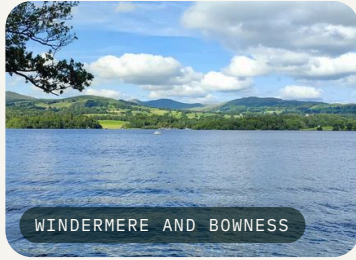
**Fees and opening hours, up to date**

Fees and times change. The park page lists them with source and date: nationalparksatlas.com/en/united-kingdom/lake-district



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| 1 Brockhole on Windermere | 7 Tarn Hows |
| 2 Windermere | 8 Scafell Pike |
| 3 Bowness Pier | 9 Wasdale Head |
| 4 Bowness Bay Information Centre | 10 Keswick Launch |
| 5 Ambleside Pier (Waterhead) | 11 Cat Bells |
| 6 Orrest Head | 12 Helvellyn |

Green: entrances. Map data © OpenStreetMap contributors (ODbL).



THINGS TO DO

Boats on Windermere

Windermere Lake Cruises calls at Lakeside, Bowness, Brockhole and Ambleside.

Tarn Hows: 3.3 km

A circular walk of about 1.5 hours around a tarn dammed in Victorian times, with views of the Coniston fells ...

Guided walks

From Easter to October the National Park Authority offers free guided walks led by volunteers.

Herdwick sheep

According to the National Park Authority the landscape has been shaped over centuries by sheep farming, above ...

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Scafell Pike: 978 metres

England's highest mountain looks down on Wast Water, England's deepest lake at 74 m (243 ft).

More than 50 routes without stiles

The National Park Authority's Miles without Stiles routes lead to lake shores, tarns and even summits with no ...

Boating and paddling

You can hire boats and paddle on Windermere, Derwentwater, Ullswater and Coniston Water.

Wordsworth and the Romantics

William Wordsworth published his "Guide to the Lakes" in 1810.

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WINDERMERE · 8 HOURS
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Lakes day tour of the Lake
District**
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70-75 MINUTES · FROM
BOWNESS PIER
**Windermere: Red Cruise
between Bowness and
Ambleside**
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GUIDED WALK · 4-6 HOURS · FROM ELTERWATER NEAR AMBLESIDE
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