

## **Small Lakes Byelaws 2025**

1. These Byelaws may be cited as the Lake District (Smaller Lakes) Byelaws 2025.
2. The Byelaws shall be applicable to the lakes specified in the Schedule hereto.
3. In these Byelaws the following words and expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively.
  - (a) The word 'lake 'or 'lakes' means the lakes specified in the Schedule hereto and all waters other than rivers connected therewith, navigable by vessels;
  - (b) The word 'vessel ' includes every description of watercraft, used or capable of being used on or beneath water and includes a flying boat and any other aircraft designed to manoeuvre on water, and any remote controlled or autonomous watercraft;
  - (c) The term 'power-driven vessel' means any vessel propelled by any mechanical or electrical device that transmits, converts, or modifies energy into motion to perform or assist in the performance of human tasks, which for clarification does not include pedal-operated vessels;
  - (d) Every power-driven vessel which is under sail and not under power is to be considered a sailing vessel, and every vessel under power, whether under sail or not, is to be considered a power-driven vessel;

Except as herein before otherwise provided words and expressions to which a special meaning is assigned by the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, 1949, and the Countryside Act, 1968, have respectively the same meaning in these Byelaws as they have in the said Acts.

4. Save as hereinafter provided no person shall use any power-driven vessel on a lake specified in the Schedule hereto.
5. The use of a power-driven vessel in circumstances necessary to the proper execution of his duty by the following persons, that is to say:
  - (a) A police officer;
  - (b) An officer of a river authority or the Environment Agency using an electric powered vessel;
  - (c) Any person or servant employed by the Lake District National Park Authority;
  - (d) Any person engaged in the act of angling in possession of a Lake District National Park Authority approved fishing permit, in compliance with any conditions imposed by the Lake District National Park Authority from time to time;
  - (e) Any person or business having the written consent of the Lake District National Park Authority; or
  - (f) Any person taking part in rescue operations or in securing the safety of persons engaged in lawful activities on the lake, shall not be deemed an offence against these Byelaws

6. Nothing contained in these Byelaws shall be deemed to extinguish any public right of way over a lake specified in the Schedule hereto.

7. Any person offending against any of the foregoing Byelaws shall be liable of summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

8. The Lake District (Smaller Lakes) Byelaws 1971 shall be repealed from the date on which these Byelaws shall come into effect.

### **The Schedule**

The lakes known or commonly known by the names of:

- Bassenthwaite Lake
- Beacon Tarn
- Blea Tarn (Langdale)
- Bleham Tarn
- Brotherswater
- Buttermere
- Crummock Water
- Devokewater Tarn
- Elterwater
- Ennerdale
- Esthwaite Lake
- Grasmere
- High Dam Tarn
- Little Langdale Tarn
- Loughrigg Tarn
- Loweswater
- Overwater
- Rydal Water
- Tarn Hows
- Wastwater
- Yew Tree Tarn

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