

Buttermere Valley car park Access Statement

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Introduction

The Buttermere Valley is an area of tremendous natural beauty encompassing three lakes, dramatic fells, woodlands and farms.

The Buttermere National Trust car park lies a few hundred metres to the north of the village of Buttermere, which itself nestles between the two lakes of Buttermere (to the south) and Crummock (to the north).

The car park is located on the B5289 coming in from Lorton near Cockermouth in the North or via the Borrowdale Valley and Honister Pass to the south. This road is narrow and twisty with passing places, edged with a mixture of rocky outcrops, walls, and hedgerows. Sheep, cows and chickens may be encountered in the road (dairy herds from local farms may be walked through the village at milking time) or surrounding fields.

Dogs are welcome throughout the valley, but should be kept on a lead wherever there is livestock in the vicinity. There is a dog bin located in the car park.

Mobile phone reception is poor, patchy and unreliable in this area. In an emergency contact 999 or the number above, as appropriate, as soon as you are able.

There is a phone box located next to the public toilets in the village, approximately 500m downhill from the car park.

Parking is free to National Trust members. Parking charges apply to all other vehicles at all times.

There are no toilets or refreshments available in this car park, but both (non NT) can be found in the village, approximately 500m downhill from the car park.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

The B5289 is a tarmac road in good condition with no pavement and no white lines. The turning into the car park is wide enough for two cars to pass and is signed at the entrance.



There is parking for approximately 50 cars on unmarked compacted gravel. Two wider spaces, marked out but undesignated, are located next to the payment machine area. The car park is open 24 hours a day, all year round.

The tariffs accepted by the car park payment machine*:

- 2hrs - £4.00
- 4hrs - £5.50
- All day - £6.50
- 4 hrs for coaches - £10.00
- All day for coaches - £20.00
- All day fishing - £10.00
- All day boating - £5.00

Charges apply at all times. National Trust members park free.

If our car park is full, there is non-NT 'Pay and Display' parking available in the village behind the Bridge Hotel and next to the Fish Hotel. The car park has toilet facilities, including disabled and baby-changing facilities and a telephone box.

The [Honister Rambler bus \(77/77A\)](#) runs from Easter to October in a circular route, going in both directions, from Keswick to Buttermere, taking in Portinscale, Grange Bridge, Seatoller, Honister, Low Lorton, Whinlatter and Braithwaite. The bus stop is located in Buttermere Village approximately 400m downhill from our car park.

*Correct at the time of writing

Getting to the lake:

Buttermere lakeshore is approximately a 1km (0.6 mile) walk from the car park: turn right back out of the entrance and head downhill, then walk over the bridge and right by the Bridge Hotel, continue on footpath to the left of the Fish Inn until you reach the lake.

From here the Buttermere lakeshore path circles the lake for 7km (4½ miles) with one very short stretch on the road and one 'rock step' (short scramble) where you may have to use your hands. We recommend that you allow three hours to complete this walk.

The permissive path along the north end of the lake (closest to the village) closes from 1st April - 30th June each year so that the resident sandpipers can nest in peace. These ground nesting birds are particularly vulnerable to being disturbed by dogs and people. You can still walk round the lake, however - it just means that you need to decide which way you're going before you leave the village. View path closure and alternative paths [here](#).

Trails

Further information about trails around the property is available on our main website. <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/buttermere-valley>

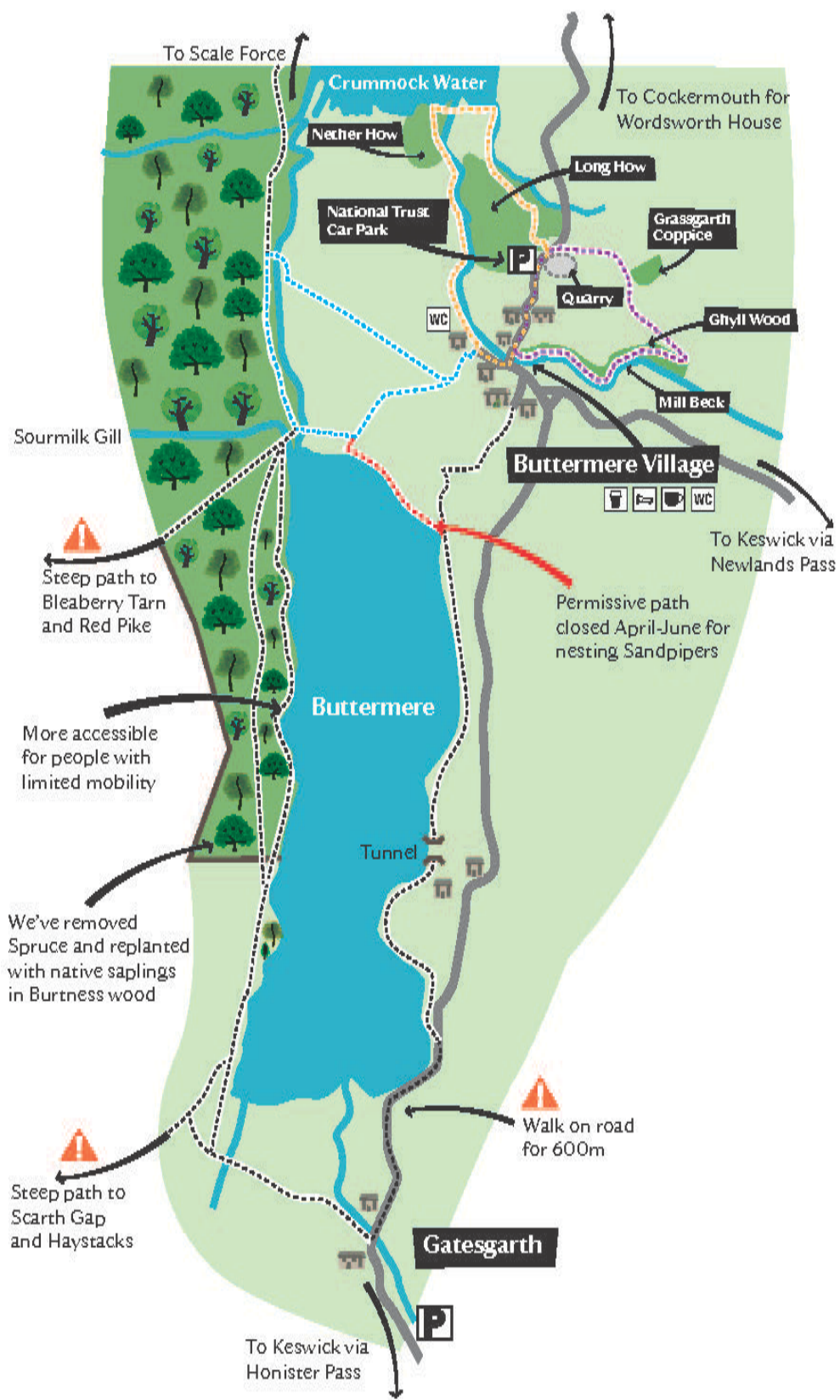
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Map

See below



Outdoor property Access Statement – Crummock Water (Lanthwaite Wood)

Scale Hill, Loweswater, CA13 0RT

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Introduction

This car park has level, accessible walk along a wide firm trackway to a beautiful beach with a view right down the lake of Crummock Water, with a possible extension to a second beach at the boat house. There is one way-marked trail through the wood, climbing to the low summit viewpoint of Brackenthwaite Hows, which is steep in places as the wood grows up the valley side from the river. All dogs are welcome, including Assistance Dogs. Livestock do graze in some areas so please be alert to this and put dogs on leads in these areas.

NB - Mobile phone reception is not very good across the site.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

The car park entrance is at the bottom of Scale Hill on the Loweswater road beside the bridge over the river Cocker. The track in to the car park drops about 2m at an approximate gradient of 1 in 5. The car park surface is firm with a top layer of loose gravel. There are no marked designated spaces for disabled people. All spaces are level. The car park fills up quickly in sunny weather, we recommend getting there early.

There is a payment machine at the car park. The cost to park is £4 for 2hrs, £6 for 4 hours or £7.50 for all day (correct as of July 2019), or free for National Trust members (please scan your card).

Access from the car park to the start of the walks is via a level trackway through a kissing gate which opens up to 90 degrees. The track surface is firm with a gravel covering, progressing to a firm surface underneath a general covering of leaves and some vegetation.



There are no toilet facilities available. There are no refreshment facilities available at the car park, but there is a pub in Loweswater village (not National Trust).

Trails

The most access-friendly route is the [Miles Without Stiles #42](#) route to the lake.

The access for all route to the lake

This out and back route leads from the car park to the lake. The total distance is about ½ a mile, (0.7km) one way. It takes about to complete this walk at a moderate pace.

The walk starts from the car park and continues along a firm compacted-stone track. The track undulates very slightly with gradual upward and downward slopes along its length.



Seating

There are two boulder 'stop for a rest' points along the trail, beside from the main thoroughfare. These are designed to enable to you to take a temporary pause before continuing. At the lakeshore beach there are two benches.



When you reach the lake, you have reached the end of the Miles Without Stiles trail #42. Retrace your route back to the car park.

Track to the boat house beach

As an alternative, just before you get to the lake is a junction with two green bollards. The left hand track continues on to the second beach by the boathouse. This is also step-free and gently undulating on a compacted-stone track. There is one boulder 'stop for a rest' point and one bench along this route, plus another bench at the boat house beach.

The waymarked route to Brackenthwaite Hows

There is one way marked walk $\frac{3}{4}$ a mile (1.13km) in length (one way) which climbs to the low summit viewpoint of Brackenthwaite Hows. There is no map available to show this route on the noticeboard in the car park, but it forms part of our free downloadable trail

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/buttermere-valley/trails/lanthwaite-wood-and-crummock-water-walk> . Way marker posts in the wood indicate the direction of the route. It is a moderate route which involves some steep slopes and steps.

Path to Peel Place

The path to Pele Place heads south from the main beach and presents many more challenges for access, including steps up and down to the footbridge, stiles, and a section of causeway that can become submerged by waves on windy days or after heavy rainfall.



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