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# Coniston Water

A guide for canoes, kayaks and sit on tops



## Pier Cottage Caravan Park

Small site for touring caravans and camper vans only. 100m walk to lake and easy launching for those staying here. Tel: 015394 41252

## Coniston Boating Centre

Large pay and display car park. Toilets. Café. Easy launching from a slipway. Small launching charge. Canoe and kayak hire. Tel 015394 41366. [www.lakedistrict.gov.uk](http://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk)

## Coniston Hall

A 16th century house noteworthy for its massive chimneys. It is owned by the National Trust - part of it is now ruined, part is used as a farmhouse, and another part is used by the sailing club. A nearby privy has a grade II listing.

## Coniston Hall Campsite

Very large campsite for tents and camper vans only. Possible to drive to the lake shore and easy launching but only for those camping here. Tel: 015394 41223

## Park Coppice Caravan Club Site

Large site run by the Caravan Club. Touring caravans, camper vans and tents. 100m walk to lake and then easy launching for those staying here. Tel: 015394 41555 [www.caravanclub.co.uk](http://www.caravanclub.co.uk)

## Coniston Hall to Sunny Bank

This middle section of the lake feels the most remote and wild with grand vistas of lake, forest and mountains!

## Hoathwaite Farm Campsite

A basic campsite owned by the National Trust. (Bring your own toilet) Open to caravans, camper vans and tents. Easy launching for those staying here. 015394 63862. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk).

## Sunny Bank

A westerly wind often funnels across the lake here and the wind can be 3 times as strong as it is at Brown Howe.

## Bass Crag

Roadside parking for about 20 cars overlooking the lake. However boats will need to be lowered 6m down the cliff using a rope. Only recommended for those seeking a physical challenge! Ice cream van is often here in the summer.

## Brown Howe

Pay and display gravel parking for about 30 cars. Toilets. Reasonable access for minibus and trailers. Easy launching following a 80m level walk. Popular with whitewater paddlers who are setting out for a trip down the river Crake

## Blawith Common

Two small free parking spots for maybe 7 cars each. Then a long 250m walk along winding narrow paths to the lake.

## Allan Tarn

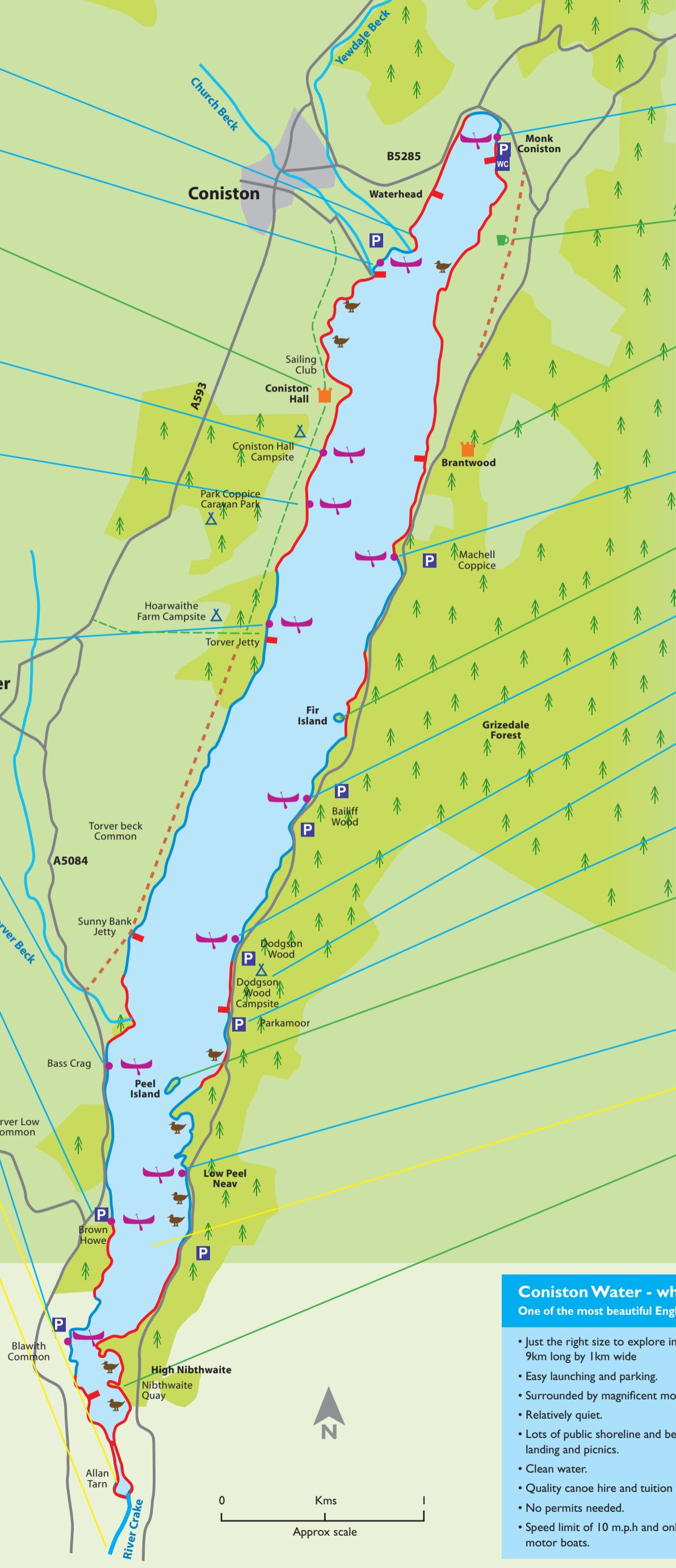
A small quiet tarn which is believed to be the 'Octopus Lagoon' in 'Swallows and Amazons'.

## River Crake

Please see canoeing notes on the reverse.

- Canoe access & launch point
- Private shore - no landing
- Public accessible shore
- Wildfowl area (please avoid)
- Cycle path
- Footpath

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## Coniston Water - what you need to know

One of the most beautiful English lakes and deservedly popular for canoeing -

- Just the right size to explore in a day - 9km long by 1km wide
- Easy launching and parking.
- Surrounded by magnificent mountain scenery.
- Relatively quiet.
- Lots of public shoreline and beaches for landing and picnics.
- Clean water.
- Quality canoe hire and tuition available.
- No permits needed.
- Speed limit of 10 m.p.h and only a few motor boats.

### Special Points

- Scheduled launch service
  - mainly in the North of the lake
  - Keep well clear, especially close to the landing stages
- Danger of sudden gusts of wind off the mountains
- Coniston Water is cold and deep - over 50m!