

LAKE DISTRICT

A PICTORIAL CELEBRATION *Sketchbook*

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DERWENT WATER

Derwent Water has long been regarded as one of the most attractive of all the lakes. Couple it with Borrowdale and in this valley, more perfectly than anywhere else in the Lake District, are to be found the three components of the Romantic Ideal – rocks, trees and water – in glorious abundance. A splendid walk of about 10 miles goes all round the lake, with only the short stretch from Nickle End to Keswick being away from the lakeside.

DERWENT WATER

Length 3 miles

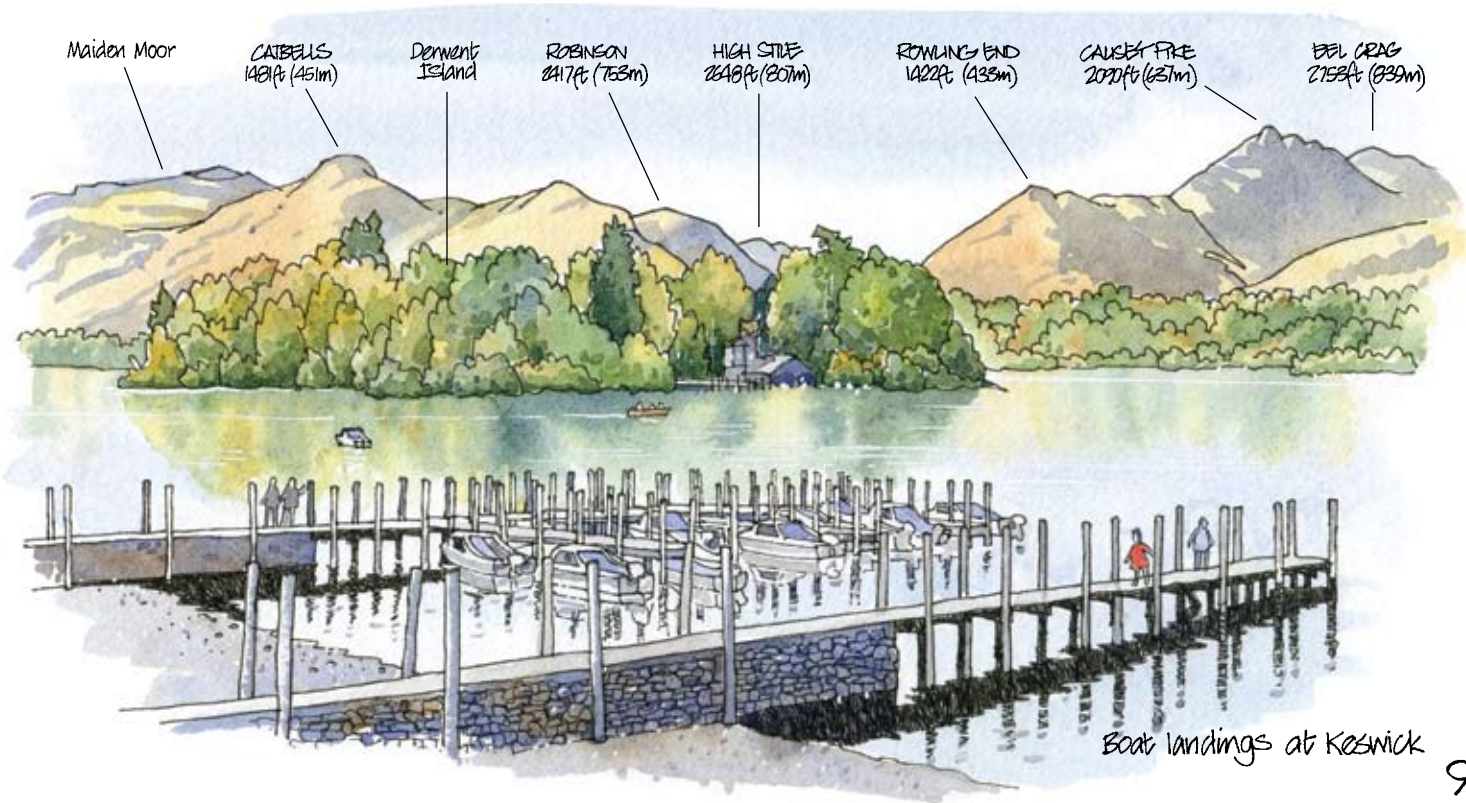
Maximum width 1 mile

Maximum depth 72ft

Three islands plus nine smaller ones

A visit to Keswick is incomplete without a walk down Lake Road to Derwent Water. The view down the lake from the boat landings is one of the most popular in Lakeland. The Keswick launches have run a regular service calling at seven landing stages around the lake since 1904. Two boats,

still in use, were built of Burma teak over 80 years ago and were originally for the exclusive use of Lodore Hotel residents. Car parking is frustrating around the lake and in Borrowdale, so combining a launch trip with a walk is one of the most relaxing ways to enjoy the area.





The Theatre by the Lake. Opened in 1999 replacing the old Blue Box Touring Theatre.



So-called because the Keswick Restaurant in Market Square was once a hardware store which sold paraffin stored in a tank in the back alley.



Treeby & Bolton. China shop, gallery and cafe in Lake Road.

Greta Bridge at High Hill. The River Greta twists around the town before joining the Derwent as it flows out of Derwent Water then on through Bassenthwaite Lake to Cockermouth, where it contributed to the devastating floods of November 2009.



King's Head Court. One of the many yards and alleys leading off Main Street.



George Fisher -
World-famous
climbing shop

A 'quiet' day in Lake Road

KESWICK 'Queen of the Lakes'

The friendly old town is fabulously set between Derwent Water and Skiddaw with Borrowdale and the high mountains stretching seductively to the south.

Keswick developed with the 18th century mining industry and the world's first pencils were made here using graphite mined in Borrowdale. With the relocation of the pencil mill to Workington in 2008, Keswick is now totally given over to tourism. Traditional shops have been replaced by outdoor clothing stores (14 in Main Street alone at my last count!) gift shops or eateries.

The Moot Hall dates from 1813 and has seen service as a courthouse, prison, market, museum and town hall. Since 1971, the ground floor has been used as a National Park Information Bureau, the busiest in Lakeland with around 200,000 visitors a year.



The Moot Hall

The Saturday market